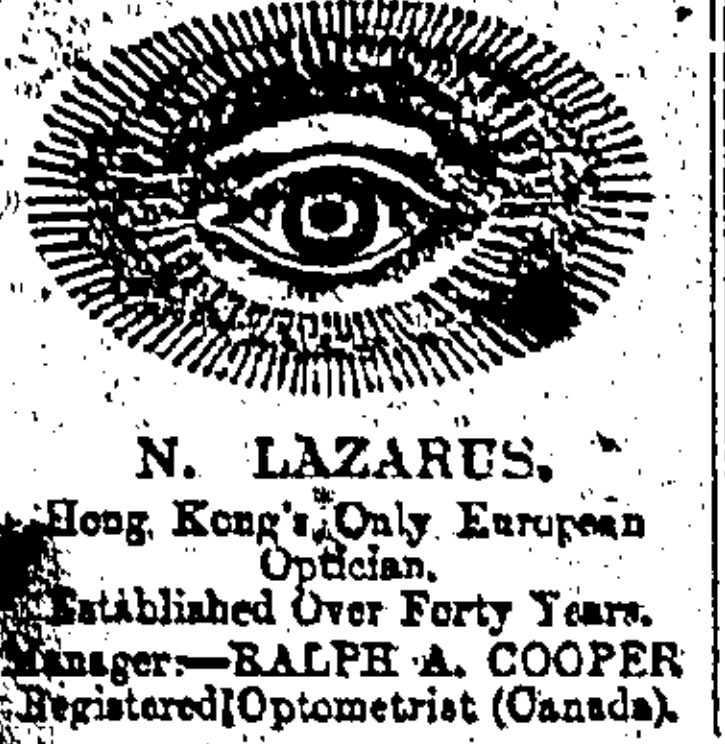


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Shatin ... Dep.	6.57	—	—	9.36	10.29	12.21	1.34	—	—	4.56
Taipei ... Dep.	7.13	—	—	9.49	10.42	12.34	1.47	—	—	5.08
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Fanning ... Dep.	7.39	—	—	10.05	10.58	12.48	2.01	—	—	5.23
Shenzhen ... Dep.	7.52	—	—	10.08	11.01	12.53	2.06	3.14	—	5.26
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[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

London, Sept. 30.
Announcement is made this week that the tests of short wave wireless between this country and India have exceeded all estimates and they are indeed a triumphant success. The minimum speed of 100 words a minute for an average day of 12 hours has been substantially surpassed. During seven days of from 18 to 21 hours the system admitted a rate of from 130 to 150 words a minute, and as Indian "atmospheres" were thought to present unusually great obstacles to transmission these figures may be regarded as definitely establishing the beam system between here and India as a practical proposition.

Great Britain, Canada, Australia, South Africa and India are now all within the scope of this high speed wireless communication. But that is not all. There is good reason to believe that before the end of next year telephone subscribers will be able to speak to one another across the length and breadth of the British Empire. It used to be said by the croakers of the Little England school of politicians that the Empire would fall to pieces by the mere physical difficulties of inter-communication. The effective answer to the "beam" system is the aeroplane, and now the wireless wave more easily accomplishes what used to be the case between London and Aberdeen.

The British Museum.

The British Museum library is undergoing its 62nd annual cleaning and dusting, and for the time being the famous reading room is closed. The regular habitues are therefore temporarily without a habitation or a home. The majority of them live there in the sense that they are to be found at their desks all the time the place is open. The British Museum reader with his passion for research is in a class by himself. Day by day he is at the portals of the great dome of room before the doors are opened, and as soon as possible he fortifies himself with a barricade of books.

Sixty thousand volumes have to be taken down, dusted and replaced, and once this is accomplished the small company with a passion for research will be readmitted to their earthly Paradise. It sometimes wonder what becomes of the fruits of their incessant labours. They read and read and make notes in big notebooks, but what becomes of the information they abstract? No doubt some of them do it for a living, being employed by writers and others to dig out data on all sorts of subjects for the writing of histories and works of reference and the information is afterwards incorporated in books that appear under well-known names.

Perils Of The London Streets.

The authorities here are becoming alarmed at the police reports of street accidents in London, and there is genuine concern on the part of the Ministry of Transport. Nor is this anxiety unwarranted. According to the latest returns three people were killed and 322 were injured on an average every day in the three months ending last June. Some people with a hopeful turn of mind point out that during the period in question London was fullest; it is the time of the year when there is an influx of visitors, and the casualty lists for twelve months may not exceed 1,000, or slightly less than the figures for 1926. But this is cold comfort at best.

Private motor cars come just ahead of trade and commercial vehicles as the chief agencies of destruction, and pedestrians easily top the list of their victims. Carelessness is put down as the main cause of the fatalities, with hesitation, passing between, behind, or in front of stationary vehicles, as contributory factors.

It is said that pedestrians are prone to take needless risks, and seem to delight in dodging the swift-moving traffic. This is playing touch and go with Fate, and of course hundreds pay the penalty. It is a queer game.

(Continued on next column.)

SINGAPORE'S SECRET SOCIETY NUISANCE.

CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ACTION.

MERCHANTS CIRCULARISED.

A meeting of the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce was held last week for the purpose of inquiring into the allegation that a sum had been subscribed and paid to the authors of the recent disturbances in order to obtain a cessation of the outbreak.

The following eight guilds, which represent the bulk of the trade of Singapore, and practically all the Teochew merchants here, were represented at the meeting:—The Fresh Fruits Association, Sausage Association, Java Traders, Hong Kong and Swatow Traders, Rangoon Ice Merchants, Siam Traders, Annam Traders, and the Rice Association. The representatives of these guilds gave emphatic denial to the allegation that their guilds or any individual members of their guilds had subscribed anything, as had been alleged.

Officials of the Chamber told a Singapore Free Press reporter that when the disturbances broke out the employers of labour, whose coolies were in a state of terror and afraid to work, wrote asking them to approach the Government or do something in the matter. In consequence, the Chamber issued a circular to all merchants and traders, asking them to do their best to prevent their coolies from joining in anything like a disturbance. By this they hoped to gradually lessen the area of the disturbances, and eventually be able to tell who exactly was responsible. According to the Chamber of Commerce officials, the statement to the effect that \$2,500 had been paid to the authors of the disturbances was untrue, and has done a great deal of harm, as it implies that the Chinese merchants have subsidised a certain section of the community in order to keep them from breaking the law.—Singapore Free Press.

QUEEN MARIE MAY ENTER A CONVENT.

DISPUTE OVER THE BOY KING.

Paris, Sept. 1st.
A telegram from Bukharest today announces that Queen Marie is planning to enter a convent.

The charming widow of King Ferdinand has been pushed into the background by M. Jean Bratianu, the Premier and political "King" of Rumania, as he does not wish any one to interfere with his control over the Regency. The Queen is deeply chagrined by this treatment.

Queen Marie has also had a quarrel with M. Bratianu over the education of the boy King Michael. She wishes to supervise it, while the Dictator wants her to have nothing to do with it.

It is said that the Queen has now decided to become a novice in an old convent of the Orthodox Church in the Carpathians, where she has often gone for a rest in the past.

Queen Marie refuses to confirm or deny the report.

The Bank Of England.

Some interesting details have been given to me with regard to the building of the new Bank of England, which is being constructed inside the massive outer walls near which the tide of traffic rolls ceaselessly. To begin with a unique procedure has been adopted. Every Monday certain governors of the Bank meet the architects, a representative of the constructors, and other experts, to discuss what work will be done before the following Monday. This novel "works committee" are exercising such infinite care over every detail of the world's most famous bank that the building of it is expected to take at least ten years.

But the most astonishing feature about the work is the almost uncanny secrecy with which it is being done. The Bank's foundations are being laid as firm and solid as the Rock of Gibraltar, and the whole cost of the new premises is estimated at \$5,000,000. When completed the new Bank will house, in addition to the ordinary offices and business of the Bank, the credit of Great Britain in the form of those big blocks of pure gold, generally known as bullion, which are stored in the long, vaulted strong rooms. The building will be the finest in the British Empire, and it is being put up to last at least \$500 years.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.
Preliminary Heats in Services Aquatic Sports, Kowloon Dock, 2.30 p.m.
Chinese Chamber of Commerce Meeting, 2.30 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; and Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 5-7 p.m.
Naval and Military Y.M.C.A.—Concert by "J-Pans" City Hall, 6.30 p.m.; "Cheer O" Informal Dance, 7 p.m.
Ping Pong League: W.Y.O.B.U. v. C.C.Y.M.S. (Y.M.C.A.)
Open-Air Concert and Social, St. Andrew's Church Vicarage, Kowloon, 9.30-10.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "A Dog's Life" (Charles Chaplin)
World Theatre: "Old Clothes" (Jackie Coogan)
Star Theatre: "The Boob"
Principal Mails:—Outward: Australia, New Zealand, etc. (St Albans), 2.30 p.m.

Saturday.
Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanning, 4th Extra Race Meeting, Macao, H.K.W.G. and M.C.L. "Fun Of The Fair" Fete at Lee Gardens, 3 p.m.
Interpret Bowls: 3rd Trial Match, Craigengower C.C., 3.30 p.m.
Cricket: H.K.C.C. v. 15th Brigade; Police v. H.K.C.C. 2nd XI; C.S.C.C. v. Queen's Royal Regt.; I.R.C. v. C.C.C.; K.C.C. v. 15th Infantry Brigade (11.30 a.m.); University v. Northants.

Hong Kong Football League:—Division I: South China v. R.A.; H.K.F.C. v. Chinese Athletic; K.O.S.B. v. Police; Queen's Regt. v. Club de Recreio; Kowloon v. Scots Guards; Division II: "A" v. R.A.; "B" v. Police; K.O.S.B. v. South China; "C" v. S.C.A.A. "A"; South China "B" v. University; Club v. Chinese Athletic; Division III: "B" v. St. Joseph's v. Boy Scouts; S.C.A.A. "A" v. Chinese Athletic; Kung Woo v. S.C.A.A. "B"; Kowloon v. Moslems.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; and Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 5-7 p.m.
Rugby: Club "A" v. Northamptonshire Regt. "A", Happy Valley, 5 p.m.
Ping Pong League: H.K. University v. S.C.A.A. (C.C.Y.M.S.).
Dinner Dances at King Edward Hotel.
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World Theatre: "Old Clothes" (Jackie Coogan).
Star Theatre: "The Boob".
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles, etc. (Khyber), 10.30 a.m.
Sunday.

16th Sunday after Trinity.
Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanning, 4th Extra Race Meeting, Macao, Annual presentation of prizes at Kowloon Golf Club.
Cricket: I.R.C. v. China Light and Power Co. R.C. at I.R.C. ground, 2 p.m.; University v. St. Peter's Young Men's Club at Pokfulam; Volunteers v. I.R.C., at C.R.C. ground, 2 p.m.
Swimming: Gala for Services, Kowloon Dock United Services Club Bathing Beach, 3 p.m.
Theosophical Society: Lecture by the Mr. Wei Tat, B.A., on "Buddhism," Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 6 p.m.
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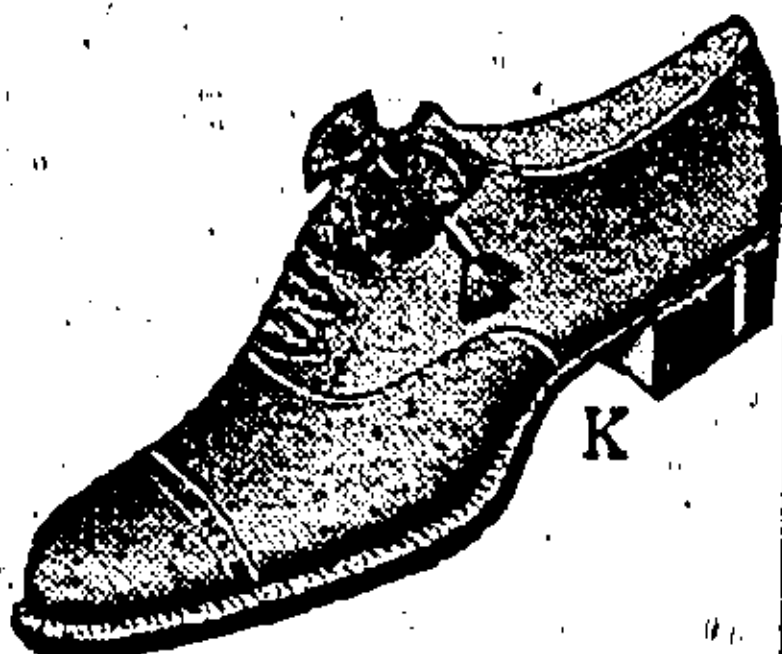
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CRICKET NOTES.

Though we all merrily write and talk of the "forthcoming Interport Matches," it must be remembered that it is not an absolute certainty that they will take place. During the last fortnight, however, events have marched well and the prospect seems safe barring any unexpected political upheaval. I have heard that, as at present planned, the Straits people will be coming up on the sixteenth and returning on the thirtieth of November. I cannot vouch for the accuracy of this, but if it should so happen, and if Shanghai stick to their original dates, it would appear probable that we shall have to start in with the Straits matches before the Shanghai side comes down. But this is, of course, mere conjecture. The fact that clearly emerges is that it is going to be a pretty busy fortnight. The idea is, I believe, that the Straits and the Shanghai teams shall each play three matches:—(a) against the Colony; (b) against the Hong Kong United Services eleven; and (c) against each other. That totals up to five matches, and if they are confined to two days apiece this alone means ten full days cricket. It has, however, been the custom for many years—(there is only one draw in the records)—for the actual Interport matches as opposed to the Services matches, to be played to a finish. This alone might mean nine days cricket, given fine weather. However, I do not anticipate that the Interport will get such a go over more than two days apiece, as, down on the Hong Kong wicket at any rate, they tend more and more to turn out low-scoring encounters. Whether or no there will be included a match Colony versus Hong Kong United Services is not settled. It does not look as if there would be time for it.

It is, of course, far too early to bother one's head seriously about this sort of thing, but, so far as those interested in cricket are concerned, there is no harm in getting a clear view of the sort of proposition the unfortunate people who make the arrangements will be up against. It may save a bit of that destructive criticism which flourishes so exuberantly in our home-town. As a matter of fact, I understand that no Committees have been arranged definitely at present, nor will they be arranged for a week or two, until things are a bit more definite.

Probable Visitors.

So far I have no word from the Straits of the personnel of their team. It is extremely good to hear that, having unexpected upheavals our old friend Captain Barrett will be coming down this year again. I expect there are quite a few of us who don't feel we have licked Shanghai properly unless Barrett is in their side. I only refer, of course, to the occasions when we do lick them! To support him Donald Leach, O'Hara, Rasthorne, Isaacs and Quayle are fairly probable starters. If the latter really is coming, I sincerely hope we shall get a drop of rain in mid-week, of course—during the first half of November, as while he is still full of swerve and pretty fast, he isn't as sure of his length as he used to be. I seem to have heard that he bowled one of our best bats some years ago with a fast swinging full-toss that took the top of the stumps!

Local Arrangements.

The fixture list of the H.K.C.C. starts off with Club matches until October 29th, and during that period no actual Interport trials will take place. The Powers that Be, however, will be keeping a pretty close eye on all the cricket in the Colony. I expect, in their search for likely talent, I am informed that the "Possible" players, who are not members of the Hong Kong Cricket Club will as usual be invited to make use of the facilities of the Club during Interport practice, but that the invitations will not be sent out just at present. I mention this to prevent any potential candidate (or his friends!) getting the wind up and thinking that he isn't going to get a show. Reverting to the Club's programme, I take it that the two days match v. the Army on October 8th and 10th, though not an official trial will act as a preliminary try-out of the Club's own resources. I hope so any way. Perish the ponies!

Before leaving the subject of Interport Cricket, I have been asked by several people what is being done about the Selection Committee. No arrangements, I believe, have been made yet. In the past, as most of my readers know, the custom has been to confine the number of the selectors to three, and with this arrangement popular opinion has been generally in accord. A large number tends only to lack of unanimity. It is, of course, clear that the captain of the side should be one member, and it is a sound scheme to have as a member a cricketer who belongs to a Club other than the Hong Kong C.C.; that is to say whose activities

and interests are identified with some other Club. (I assume herein that the other two members will be identified with the H.K.C.C.). For the third place it might be desirable to select some experienced cricketer who no longer takes an active part in the game but has the leisure and the keenness to watch all the Interport Nets and Trials. This is not written with anyone in particular in view. In fact I confess I can think of no one who quite fits the picture at present. Anyway, if I were captain, I should feel inclined to say "Damn the Committee—give me a really good slow bowler."

Local Cricket.

There has already been a certain amount of cricket played here though it is a bit on the warm side still. As usual, the Kowloon C.C. are early birds. They were beaten pretty soundly by their Military Subscribers last Saturday, but I see that Goodwin and E. C. Fincher were away from the side, which, of course, for League purposes will be strengthened by the inclusion of Captain Morris and Captain Bevis. I did not see the game so cannot criticize; but nothing very marvellous seems to have happened. Brace seems in form already, and personally I consider him about as big a snip for the Interport side as there is going. Erskine on his analysis, appears a useful bowler, and I have heard great things rumoured of him. It will be most interesting to see him and indeed all our new cricketers in action.

The Wisdom Of The League.

I can hardly believe that the Indian B side which got such a hiding from the Diocesan Boys' School was the side that won the second League last season. If it was, their presence in the first League will hardly add to its excitement. A good many people find it difficult to understand the decision of the League Committee to grant two places in the first League to a local club, when all the new Regiments are here and some at least want to enter. But it is the sort of thing we shall get while the League Committee meets so seldom, and then without a pre-arranged list of agenda. Some think it needs reform. Many "reform" would read "revolution."

The Diocesan Boys' School.

The success of this side this year in their opening matches is interesting. I understand they have a useful bat in Anderson, who is quite young still and plays in good style. Lee is also a useful bowler. It is a step in the right direction if we go to find a "nursery" for local cricketers. I understand that Mr. J. L. Youngs, himself a keen cricketer first for the University and now of the Chinese Recreation Club, has been coaching them and his efforts are evidently meeting with the success they deserve. More power to him! I hope to see these young players later when the School's XI meets Mr. Sayer's team on the C.S.C.C. ground.

R. ABBIT.

Volunteers v. Indian R.C.

Sunday, October 2nd, on the Chinese R.C. ground at 2 p.m. The Volunteers:—H. Burton, A. A. Dand, C. T. Evans, E. C. Fincher, J. E. Hancock, G. P. Lammer, A. Reid, J. A. Summers, C. D. Wales, M. M. Watson, and H. V. Parker.

The Indians:—A. H. Rumjahn, A. H. Madar, S. A. Ismail (captain), A. R. Minu, F. M. el Arcelli, M. P. Madar, S. H. Ismail, S. A. R. Ismail, J. S. Akber, A. S. Sulhad, and A. K. Minu.

The ground has been lent to the Volunteers for this occasion through the courtesy of the officials of the Chinese Recreation Club.

TENNIS.

Queen's College v. Diocesan Boys' School.

Played at the D.B.S. on Wednesday. D.B.S. won by 75 games to 24. Scores:—

Lee Ian Pit and Wong Cheong Kee (D.B.S.):
beat Choi Ping Kuen and Tsu Wai Piu 7-4
beat Choi Ping Kuen and Hung Man Chiu 8-3
beat V. Soonderam and H. Kew 11-0

Ma Chiu Cheong and J. Chan (D.B.S.):
beat Choi Ping Kuen and Tsu Wai Piu 9-2
beat Choi Ping Kuen and Hung Man Chiu 8-3
beat V. Soonderam and H. Kew 9-2

F. Shirazee and Cheng Kam To (D.B.S.):
lost to Choi Ping Kuen and Tsu Wai Piu 5-6
beat Choi Ping Kuen and Hung Man Chiu 8-3
beat V. Soonderam and H. Kew 10-1

Total:—D.B.S., 75; Q.C., 24.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ARMISTICE DAY.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—Kindly allow me to assure Mr. Peake Anderson, that his diatribe has in no way injured my feelings. It seems so very evident that Mr. Anderson, upon reading my letter and coming to the conclusion that he disagreed with my point of view, decided to make an excursion into print and did so without taking the trouble to give my letter the attention which, in such circumstances, it merited.

Mr. Anderson is bold enough to suggest that I was "speaking for the large majority." I submitted no such claim. I very carefully and purposely referred to "all that Armistice Day means to some of us."

One regrets to note that Mr. Anderson fails to appreciate the difference between desecrating an anniversary and turning one into a day of mourning. In my previous letter I made passing reference to Armistice Day having become a sort of Good Friday. Do we turn Good Friday into a day of universal mourning? I think not. We, conscious of that Greatest Sacrifice of All, merely "don't do" things upon that day.

To go back those nine long years. Bismarck and "the contemptible little army" were alike avenged. On that Monday morning the great news flashed out and a genial saturnalism. As it had been fifty two months before, so then the world was in the streets, relapsing from tip-toe into a state of childish dementia. Many believed, as in 1814, that war had ended for all time. It has been said that nothing in the war became the German rulers of the moment less than the manner they went out of it. Surely nothing in the war became the House of Commons more than its demeanour on the day of assured triumph? There was no note of exultation in the cheers that welled up from the great heart of the Assembly. There was the joy of thanksgiving, and with it an overmastering sense of compassion which made the setting almost a solemn act of consecration. It was eloquent of the spirit of the new time that the clause in the Armistice which drew the deepest and most sustained cheer from the House was no other, even the most stringent, for the evacuation of territorial or material gain of safeguards, but that which provided for the immediate repatriation of all the Allied prisoners of war. At Home, the London Times said justly:—

"The happy close of hostilities in this greatest and most terrible of all wars, fought for everything that we hold dear and sacred, led the Prime Minister to move the adjournment of the House of Commons to St. Margaret's, there to give humble and reverent thanks to the Almighty for this great deliverance."

Let our remembrance be a remembrance of hallowed thanksgiving—not one of hilarious merry-making.—Yours, etc.,

IONIDES.

Hong Kong, Sept. 29th, 1927.

RE-UNIFICATION OF THE KUOMINTANG.

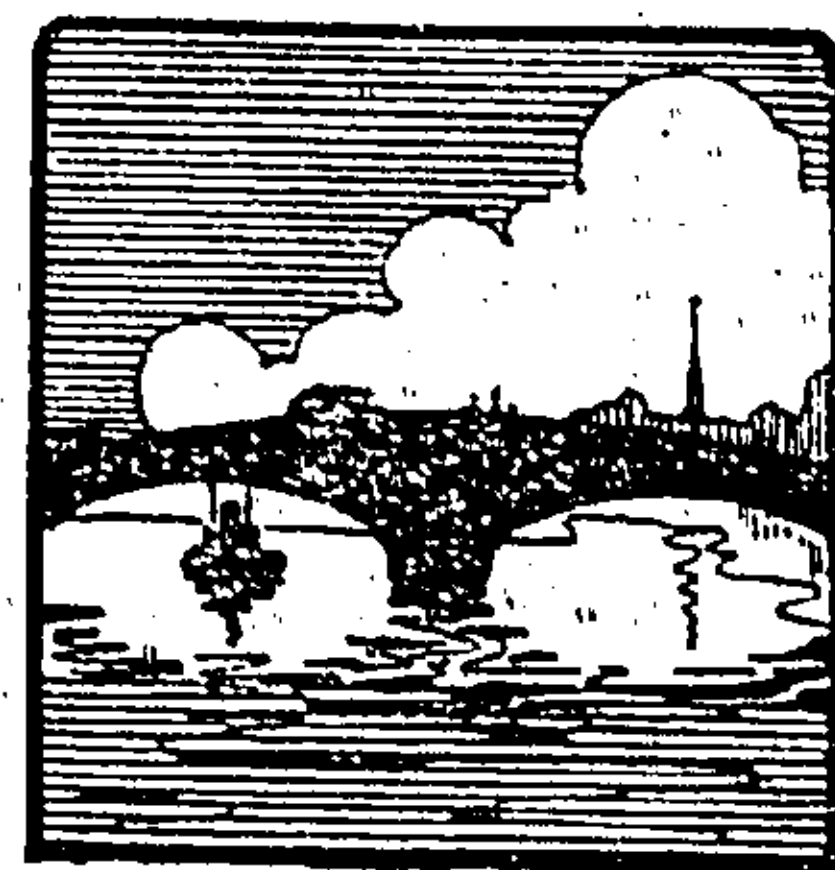
LI TSAI HSIN'S ADVICE.

(Asiatic Service News.)

SHANGHAI, Sept. 17th.

General Li Tsai Hsin, Commander-in-Chief of the Kwangtung Army, has issued a statement drawing upon the necessity for the actual reunification of the three factions, viz: The Wuhan, the Nanking and the Haishan parties of the Kuomintang, into one unified party as well as the retention of both Chiang Kai Shek and Wang Ching Wei for military and civil services. The Canton Chief compares Chiang and Wang to the two wings of the Kuomintang eagle in China with the Central Executive Council as its head and also the Supervisory Committee as its brains. Hence, Li Tsai Hsin urges the rejection of the resignations of both Chiang and Wang and their reinstatement to the Chairmanship of the Military and Civil Committees of the Kuomintang Government at once for the fulfilment of the party's double mission, viz:—The formation of a representative government of the people, by the people and for the people and also the suppression of Imperialism and Militarism.

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THERE HAVE BEEN POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE IN SOUTH CHINA DURING THE PAST WEEK.

General Chang Fat-fui, with his army of "Ironsides," has returned from Central China and for a few days rumours were current that he would endeavour to secure control of Kwangtung.

Fortunately the rumours proved unfounded. General Li Tsai-hsin, the present military leader and General Chang Fat-fui have reached a friendly agreement to work together to maintain law and order in Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

If this agreement is lasting there seems some prospect of peace in South China.

A marauding "Red" army has swooped down on Swatow and for a few days that City has been in the hands of a rabble who have been guilty of looting and murder.

It is unlikely that the "Reds" will remain for long in undisputed possession. But the fact that they are powerful enough to take the City and hold it for a short time only demonstrates the need of a strong military Government.

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[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

In order to demonstrate that no political or military strife divides them, General Li Tsai Hsin and General Chang Fat Fui will to-day and to-morrow attend many public functions together. General Chang was in Hong Kong until a few days ago. He has taken no step to interfere with the Civil Administration in Canton and it is expected that the verbal resignations of Tang Yin Hua of Police and Commissioner Feng Cho Wan, of Finance, will be withdrawn.

Overseas Chinese in Saigon have wired to Canton supporting the resumption of leadership in the Kuomintang Party by Mr. Wang Ching Wei, who recently resigned his chairmanship of the Central Executive Committee.

The Nanking Committee are asking Canton to abolish its political council by October 1st. Whether or not Canton will subordinate itself to Nanking remains to be seen. The Political Council of a province is the highest authority under the Central Government.

Cantonese were much disappointed the other day when being told that the Kuomintang decision to repeal *Likin* does not effect the local miscellaneous taxes now collected also under the term of *Likin*. The *Likin* to be repealed simply comprise the transit taxes now forming a part of the Customs assessment in the larger ports.

"Reds" in Kwangtung Province have not only an eye on the resources of the Eastern Districts of Kwangtung but also on those of the island of Hainan. They have now perfected their organization to make a contest for the control there, according to a report reaching the authorities in Canton. Unless early action is taken, it is feared by some that there will be trouble in the Kiangchow districts as there is now in the Chaochow area around Swatow. It is generally reported that the "Reds" are struggling for a port where Soviet steamers may supply them with arms.

Reports in the vernacular Press say that the Kongsong Branch of the Kuomintang Central Bank of China had to suspend payment on September 27th.

FUNERAL OF MR. DONG TOY.

WELL-KNOWN CHINESE MERCHANT.

The funeral of Mr. Dong Toy, a prominent Chinese merchant of San Francisco and Hong Kong, who died in San Francisco a year ago, took place yesterday from the Pottinger Street Wharf, the interment being at the Chinese Cemetery at Aberdeen. The late Mr. Dong's remains arrived by the s.s. *President Madison* several days ago. The Rev. Lee Kau Yan of the St. Stephen's Church officiated. The family of the deceased lives at 22a Kennedy Road. He is survived by Mrs. Dong Toy and a number of sons and daughters who were one time or another students in Canton Christian College, Canton and Hong Kong, and St. Stephen's Girls' School.

The late Mr. Dong was the first president of the Chinese Merchants' Bank in Hong Kong and owned property both on the Hong Kong and Kowloon side. He had business interests in Hong Kong and San Francisco and travelled extensively in China and America.

THE FIGHTING CHOWS!

Four Chinese all surnamed Chow were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday with assaulting and intimidating another Chinese. The defendant were represented by Mr. L. D. Turner and Mr. H. J. Armstrong was for the complainant. The case was adjourned.

"RED" TROOPS LEAVING SWATOW.

CANTONESE LANDING PARTY FARES BADLY.

BRITISH BLUEJACKETS ON THE SPOT.

The reports received yesterday to the effect that the landing party from Chinese warships at Swatow had seized the town proved unduly optimistic. The more sober Naval wireless given below tells a different story.

The Reds appear to be still in control but are being hard pressed by the advancing forces from Canton.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

Swatow, Sept. 29th.

The retirement of General Ho Lung's troops from Swatow has already commenced, the "Red" leader being apprehensive of becoming hemmed in by his opponents. About a thousand troops embarked up river last night, though quite a number are still in the city.

A Cantonese warship lying off the town, opened fire this afternoon, and endeavoured to land a force of about a hundred armed men. The landing party was met by heavy rifle fire from the shore, suffering severe casualties, only about 20 being observed to escape in sampans.

Those on shore kept up fire on the sampans and in the course of the brief engagement, H.M.S. *Bluebell* and H.M.S. *Sirdar* were both struck by bullets. There were no casualties on board, however.

Later in the afternoon, following a suspicion that the looting of the English Presbyterian Mission was contemplated, H.M.S. *Bluebell* landed an armed party of blue-jackets to defend the Mission. Tension eased on the arrival of the British force, and subsequently the authorities sanctioned the withdrawal.

Intermittent rifle fire still continues in the native town.

REDS EXPECTED TO EVACUATE.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Latest reports from Swatow indicate that the Cantonese troops, who reached Swatow on the afternoon of September 27th, had to withdraw again upon the return to the "Reds" from the front on the upper river. On the 28th, the offices of the Swatow Municipality were still in the hands of the "Reds." It is said, however, that the "Reds" are expected to evacuate at any moment.

A GOOD BREW.

ARMS AND AMMUNITIONS IN TEA POT.

When the s.s. *On Lee* docked here early yesterday morning, a Chinese passenger was seen leaving the ship with a tea-pot in his hand. He was searched in the ordinary way by Chinese revenue officers at the wharf, and when one of the searchers took hold of the tea-pot, he found it too heavy to contain the ordinary liquid.

While the searcher was manipulating the lid, the owner dashed away. He was chased and captured after leading his pursuers a long run. Inside the tea-pot were found a revolver and 18 rounds of ammunition.

The artful brewer of tea was charged at the Central Magistracy later in the day and the case was set for hearing this morning.

CHINESE BOY TO FACE MURDER CHARGE.

A further remand was granted by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning, in the case in which a Chinese lad of the Wo Hop Shek village is detained on a charge of murder. Sub-Inspector Fallon intimated to his Worship that the Crown would be ready to have a date fixed by next Monday. According to advices from the Crown Solicitor, the prosecution has decided to proceed with the original charge of murder. The defendant was remanded formally until Monday morning.

THE CHAI WAN MURDER.

CLOSING STAGES REACHED YESTERDAY.

FINAL ADDRESSES FOR CROWN AND DEFENCE.

SUMMING UP AND VERDICT TO-DAY.

Much interest is being shown in the Chai Wan Murder Trial and yesterday afternoon all the front available seats in the Supreme Court were occupied by Europeans, with Chinese standing around the sides of the dock.

Two Chinese are charged with the murder of Mrs. Rose Mackay at Chai Wan Road, on August 6th, evidence has been concluded, and in the afternoon addresses were delivered by Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, for the Crown, and by Mr. H. G. Sheldon. His Lordship, the acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) announced that he would reserve summing-up until this morning. The Court resumes sitting at 10.30, and it is expected that the verdict will be made known before tiffin.

When the Court resumed yesterday morning evidence was given by Chan Po, owner of fishing boat, who stated that he saw the two prisoners about 7 o'clock on the morning of August 7th, and also in the evening. He did not see any stains on their clothing, which was the same as they were wearing in the morning. Two knives produced in Court were claimed by witness as his.

A foki of the above witness gave evidence to the effect that between six and seven o'clock on August 6th he and his master and another Chinese had supper on board, and later all three went ashore, separately, but met later at a tea-house. When witness got back to his master's boat he saw the two prisoners on board, but did not speak to them.

Further Evidence.

Another witness said that he had known both prisoners for about two months, and had sometimes seen them together.

Two more witnesses denied that the prisoners were on their premises on the evening of August 6th.

Prisoners' Statements.

Mr. Fitzroy read statements made at the Central Magistracy by both prisoners at the preliminary hearing.

The first prisoner said he did not know at the time why the police arrested him. He asked them to reason, but they would not reply. He wanted to make a statement, but they would not allow him to do that. They started to search him and the aid of their torches, and said that his trousers bore traces of blood. He pointed to the stains on his left leg and said: "These are stains of fish blood." They also pointed to two spots on his right trouser leg and the prisoner said: "I did that by scratching myself."

A European sergeant then took his clothes away and he was dragged along under arrest. He was playing *Tai Kan* at No. 21, Kam Wah Street, on the evening of August 6th. The game started at six o'clock and went on until after eight o'clock. When he and the second prisoner went out together to a tea house, after which they went to Chan Po's boat where they stayed the night.

The second prisoner's statement was corroborative as regards their movements on August 6th. At about eight o'clock when outside a tea-house and first prisoner were joined by a friend, who told them that a murder had just been committed at Chai Wan. The second prisoner replied he did not know anything about it.

The statement went on to describe the arrest, and said that he asked why he was arrested, but was not told. When he arrived at the police station he was accused of murder, but he denied it, saying he knew nothing about it.

Mr. Fitzroy intimated that this closed the case for the Crown. Mr. Sheldon said that he was not going to call any evidence. Inspector Lane was again recalled, at the instance of the force of the jury, in connection with the cut notes. The Inspector made it quite clear that both notes had been cut with scissors.

The Court then adjourned until 3.15 when the Counsel's addresses were given. His Lordship intimated that he would sum up to-morrow.

ADDRESS FOR THE CROWN.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, for the Crown, spoke for over an hour. Asking the jury to consider the evidence of four finger marks on the deceased right arm and three on the back Mr. Fitzroy said that the Crown case was that the taller of the men, grasped Mrs. Mackay from behind and that the smaller man robbed her.

The bloodstains in the handbag must have come from the second prisoner's bleeding hand. If the blood had come from Mrs. Mackay it would have been on the outside of the handbag. Counsel also suggested that various articles picked up near the spot of the tragedy, and which were bloodstained, were originally in the bag.

Having dealt with the forged notes, which he said connected the two prisoners with the crime, he No. 1 prisoner with the crime, he went on to the medical evidence.

Dr. Cannon had said that the wound on second prisoner, had been made about the same time as Mrs. Mackay was stabbed, and could have been caused by the hand slipping over the knife on delivery of a blow.

The statement made by the second prisoner that he met first prisoner at a house at Shaukiwan Street and that when they left this house about eight o'clock they met a friend who told them a murder had been committed at Chai Wan was very important in view of the fact that the murder was not reported to the police until nine o'clock, and that the only persons who knew about it prior to that was Walter Eckert, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Mackay and Miss Kathleen Mackay.

Counsel For Defence.

Addressing the Court for the defence, Mr. H. G. Sheldon spoke for nearly an hour and generally went over the points raised by Mr. Fitzroy.

In his opening he said that this was a case in which if the jury's verdict was adverse to the prisoners no mercy was likely. The evidence could be divided into four parts—the bloodstains, the forged notes, the cut finger, and prisoner's statements.

He did not question the bloodstains on prisoners, and he referred to Dr. Minett's definite statement that the bloodstains were human blood. Counsel considered that the evidence was not convincing enough to establish that it was human blood.

On the question of the forged notes, Counsel hoped the jury would say that this part of the evidence had entirely broken down.

The case for the prosecution was that Mrs. Mackay was in possession of two forged notes, each cut in half, and that these were kept in her handbag. A forged note was found in the bag, and another forged note, also cut in half, had been subsequently found, one half being discovered on the first prisoner, and the other half on the pathway.

That would appear, said Counsel, as if the theory of the Crown was working out very well.

But, added Counsel, he submitted that there was no evidence that this forged note had ever been in Mrs. Mackay's possession.

First prisoner had no reason to doubt the other's statement that he picked the note up at Sai Wan Ho. As half-note up at Sai Wan Ho. As half-note up at Sai Wan Ho. As half-note up at Sai Wan Ho.

Regarding the cut finger, he submitted that the cut could have been caused by the cut finger, he submitted that there was no evidence that this forged note had ever been in Mrs. Mackay's possession.

Medical Officer's evidence, he submitted, was that he cut his finger accidentally with the knife he was using. The prosecution had entirely failed to prove that the cut was caused in the way they suggested. It could have been and that was all.

Replying to the point raised by Mr. Fitzroy that second prisoner had said he heard a murder had been committed at eight o'clock, he submitted that the police were not informed of it until nine o'clock. Counsel stressed the fact that when evidence was given by Chinese, who carried no watch, or had not looked at a clock, as to time, a certain amount of latitude, say of half an hour, or even an hour, for guess-work must be allowed. His learned friend had stressed the point that if second prisoner knew of the murder having been committed at eight o'clock in the evening, then he must have been the murderer himself.

"It is indeed true," added Counsel, "that bad news travels fast, and I contend that it is quite possible, after allowing for uncertainty in the actual time, that taint of the actual time, that taint of the actual time, that taint of the actual time."

Dealing with minor points, Counsel pointed out that prisoners had money on them, and if they had committed the crime, they would not have sat or slept with bloodstained clothing on, but would have got a new set as quickly as they could.

Before the jury could convict these men they must be absolutely certain that the evidence put before them by the Crown was conclusive. This was a matter of life and death. (Continued at foot of next column.)

PICKPOCKETS v. CONSTABLE.

MORE CONFESSIONS FROM CONVICTS.

ANGRY CONSTABLE PROCLAIMS HIS WIFE'S PRETTINESS.

The case in which a Chinese constable is charged with consorting with thieves and vagabonds and with receiving bribes from a pickpocket was continued yesterday at the Central Magistracy before Mr. R. E. Lindell.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the defence, and the principal witnesses for the prosecution are a gang of pickpockets, whose leader is they say Tam Fan. This man, as a Crown witness, had very candidly confessed to his life of crime, which we published in our last report.

Yesterday one of Tam Fan's confederates was brought from the gaol where he is serving a term of imprisonment to give evidence. He said that he remembered seeing the defendant with Tam Fan about a fortnight ago, but they ran off when a constable in plain clothes turned up.

Simple Explanation.

Mr. Lindell: How did you know he was a constable, if he was in plain clothes?

Witness: I have been arrested by that constable before.

When asked as to how they divide their spoils, witness said that the matter was entirely in the hands of their leader Tam Fan, who portioned out what he thought was good for each man.

Another member of the gang also gave evidence. He said Tam Fan kept an account of their proceeds and handled all the funds. He also remembered seeing the defendant with his leader one night.

Evidence From One Of The "Pick-Pocket Squad."

A Chinese detective in the "Pickpockets Squad" testified to seeing the defendant in company with well-known pickpockets. He was confronted by Mr. Russ with a woman and was asked if he and the defendant had at any time quarrelled over the woman. Witness denied this and shouted out that he was a married man and that his wife was prettier than the woman in Court.

After further evidence had been heard the case was again adjourned until Wednesday afternoon.

A "COUNTRY COUSIN."

ROBS HIS CLANSMAN.

When a Chinese youth was yesterday morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell with the larceny of a platinum wrist watch worth \$30, which he pawned for \$12, Sergeant Whant told his Worship that the woman from whom the watch had been stolen was the accused's clansman.

She had been responsible for bringing the accused from the country and had promised to get work for him through her husband. The watch was missed two months ago, but the accused was not suspected.

Accused was arrested by the police for being the companion of bad characters and when searched the pawn ticket relating to the watch was found on him. Remarkable that the accused was a scoundrel who had taken advantage of the kindness of his relative to rob her, Mr. Lindell passed sentence of six weeks' hard labour.

Concluding his address, Counsel remarked that his learned friend, the assistant Attorney-General, in opening his case had quoted the old adage that "Witnesses may lie, but circumstances never." They knew perfectly well that men had been convicted on circumstantial evidence, which had later turned out to have been wrongly interpreted and that lives had been sacrificed on such evidence. He asked the jury to consider the point he had raised and emphasised that once a life was extinct it could not be recalled.

His Lordship intimated, at the conclusion of Mr. Sheldon's address, that he would reserve his summing up until this morning. It is expected that the verdict will be given before tiffin time to-day. The Court resumes at 10.30.

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DEATH.

MURRAY.—On September 29th, at 1.30 p.m., at 209, Wanchai Road, HENRY PATRICK MURRAY, aged 61 years. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day. [5377]

Hong Kong Office: 11, Ice House Street.

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The Daily Press.

Hong Kong, September 30th, 1927.

THE "OUTLAWING" OF WAR.

The Assembly of the League of Nations has unanimously passed a resolution outlawing war. It was proposed by Poland, a weak state, somewhat artificially created out of territory formerly attached to the big Powers on either side of her, neither of whom has exactly a pacific history. Poland in fact has every interest in the world for outlawing war.

It would have been a little awkward for any national representative to have voted against so exemplary a motion, but the fact that it was brought forward and actually put to the Assembly shows that the statesmen of the world are beginning to realise that the next war (for, of course, no one expects that the League's resolution will prevent a "next war") will be a matter of infinitely graver consequences to the human race than anything that has preceded it. The warning of the scientists is that the next war between groups of first class Powers will see the destruction of civilisation and probably of the larger part of the human race.

One Chinese case of diphtheria was reported on Thursday.

A dog from Kowloon was on Thursday diagnosed to be suffering from rabies.

In the 1914-1918 war high explosives and poison gas were in their infancy. Science can now confidently promise gas of peculiarly deadly nature, scentless, invisible and able to permeate any form of gas mask. Cylinders could be dropped from aeroplanes on centres of population, and the designing of silent aircraft hidden by an effective system of camouflage presents no difficulties. Further gifts from the laboratory are guaranteed to kill not merely vegetation, but that live organism the soil which supports it. It may be contended that science would provide its own antidotes. This is only true to a minor degree and the forces of destruction easily lead in the race with counter measures. Such is borne out by the whole history of war, since small bands of primitive men fought not very deadly battles with sticks and stones up to Jutland, the Somme, and the breaking of the Hindenburg line.

Beyond gas and explosives we are also promised the bacteriological war, by which cults of cholera and meningitis, if no more painful and deadly diseases can be discovered, could be spread by means of spies or the ubiquitous aeroplane. The present organisation of society into huge centres, which are the national entrepôts for food and other necessities tends itself peculiarly well to the attacks of scientific militarism. The waterworks which in Europe have largely superseded the household or village well are particularly favourable points of attack, especially on the part of spies.

It may be argued that these things should be proscribed by international law. Unfortunately when it comes to the point, international law is as efficacious as a cobweb over the muzzle of a fifteen-inch gun. There are unfortunately always certain nations who stand out when it comes to any question of disarmament and even America, Britain and Japan could come to no agreement in the recent Geneva discussions. As regards the more deadly and horrible uses of science Russia, in particular, is busily engaged on her preparations. She declares that being militarily weaker than many of her avowed enemies she must take whatever measures she can for her protection. Russia is certainly not deficient in human genius. She considers herself justified in using these methods and no one is in a position to prevent her.

It can never be forgotten that in modern warfare no line can be drawn between combatant and non-combatant. The nursery will get just as bad a time as the trenches. The last war consisted of hurling metal and gas against the enemy.

The processes began in the mines where the raw material was procured and ended in the trenches or at the battery. From a military, and a logical point of view it was legitimate to break any link in this chain. Modern warfare is incapable of one thing, and that is of being circumscribed by custom or law.

These are some of the reasons that led the Assembly of the League of Nations to outlaw war. It is a move in the right direction but no more. Until science can provide a death ray by which Monaco and Nicaragua are, militarily, on an undoubted equality with the biggest empires, the more powerful nation will back up what it considers its rights by the use of force. Only when science has reduced all armies to an equality will men be content to abide by the decisions of an impartial tribunal which will look at a question in dispute from the point of view of both parties.

The two Chinese who attempted to rob a house at Lai-chikok Road, was again brought before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday. They were remanded pending the recovery of the third man who is in hospital suffering from a gun shot wound inflicted by a Chinese constable when he was trying to escape.

The offices of Messrs. Raven and Basto will be removed to Prince's Building, top floor, as from to-morrow.

Quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Macassar on account of plague have been withdrawn.

An open-air informal concert and social is to be held at St. Andrew's Church Vicarage, this evening, from 9.30 to 10.30.

Money and jewellery worth \$271 was reported stolen from the second floor of No. 34 Wyndham Street on Wednesday night.

Mr. A. D. Hendry (late Shanghai Police) passenger from London to Singapore on the s.s. *Kashmir*, died from heart failure, and was buried at sea on September 13th.

Mr. W. M. Hewlett, C.M.G., Consul for Great Britain, was a passenger on the s.s. *Kashmir*, arriving here yesterday from London. He is proceeding to Nanking.

As the result of a fall from a wall while arranging flower pots, the gardener of No. 47, Pokfulam Road suffered injuries to his right shoulder and face, and had to go to hospital.

The Chinese who was charged with assault at the Kowloon Magistrate's and who had his bail of \$2,000 reduced to \$25 by Mr. R. E. Lindsell appeared on remand before Mr. W. Schofield yesterday. He was fined \$10.

The manager of the Yim Mok Kay grocery store of No. 69, Hollywood Road, reported to the police that on Wednesday he entrusted a quantity of jewellery worth \$120 to a goldsmith to be altered. The goldsmith has absconded with the property.

The valuable leasehold property situate at Stubbs Road registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 2419 was sold by auction yesterday at Lammer Bros.' auction room. The upset price was \$8,000 and was sold to Mr. C. C. Morris for \$10,000.

The Chinese Inspector of night soil coolies was the complainant in Court yesterday when he summoned a coolie for assaulting him at the Kowloon Magistrate's. Mr. A. E. Hall represented the complainant. The defendant denied the charge and the case was adjourned until Tuesday next.

A series of larcenies committed, it is believed, by the same gang of criminals was traced to three alleged offenders, and at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday morning charges of larceny from dwelling houses, were preferred against the men. The defendants were remanded until next Monday.

A visitor staying in Room No. 3 at the Hung On Boarding House in Connaught Road Central, has made a report to the police that during his absence from his room one time on Wednesday, a thief opened his box by means of a duplicate key and stole clothing and money worth \$369.

A compradore who had delivered goods to the s.s. *D'Araguan*, which was berthed alongside the No. 5 wharf at Kowloon left the ship carrying four bottles of liquor on which the duty had not been paid. He was charged at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday before Mr. W. Schofield. A fine of \$35 was imposed.

A coolie employed at Taikoo Dock was taken to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to his forehead caused through the explosion of a detonator. The man picked the detonator in the Main Road at Shaui-kiwan, and the explosion occurred while the man was trying to hammer the detonator into a cigarette holder.

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Mr. Hayes, manager of the Dunlop Rubber Company, has informed the police that the Eurasian cashier of the Company, named Charles Mahr, absconded at 3 p.m. on Wednesday taking with him \$2,000, the property of the firm.

The "J-pans," the popular party of local entertainers who have appeared practically every week for the last few months at Service concerts, are giving an attractive entertainment at the City Hall this evening, beginning at 6.30. The band of the 1st Camerons will also be present.

As will be seen from an announcement in our advertisement columns, drivers visiting the "Fun O' The Fair" at Lee Gardens to-morrow (Saturday) may leave their cars in the Lee Garden Street, opposite No. 1 Police Station, where they will be taken charge of by the Hong Kong Automobile Association's patrols.

The vernacular Press says regarding the employing of Indian guards on river boats between Hong Kong and the West River districts and other places, that the managements of most of the Chinese shipping companies have decided to cut down the number of Indian guards in each vessel, from 6 to 4, starting from the beginning of next month.

On Monday the motion will be considered at St. Peter's Young Men's Club "That it is Better to have Loved and Lost than never to have Loved at all." The affirmative will be taken by Mr. T. J. Price B.Sc., seconded by Mr. E. R. Price. The negative will be taken by the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, M.A. seconded by Mr. P. Sands, M.A.

The Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary will be celebrated at the Rosary Church, Kowloon, on Sunday next. The morning service will comprise masses at 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30 a.m., with solemn Pontifical Mass at 9.30 a.m. The evening service will take place at 4.30 p.m., comprising the recitation of the Rosary, the Procession, sermon, and benediction.

When a Chinese was yesterday morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with returning from banishment after having been sent away for ten years on June 18 this year, he said that he came back to fetch his belongings from his sister. According to Sub-Inspector Vincent, in charge of Criminal Records, the accused was sent to jail for six weeks in April this year for larceny and was banished afterwards. He had previously been banished for life from Singapore.

Sub-Inspector Rogers yesterday morning charged a Chinese before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with the theft of some clothing from the back yard of No. 55, Wongneichong Road. The accused, who had in his possession two lengths of wire which the Magistrate described as a "fishing contraption," said that he was a rag picker, and had picked up the clothing which was blown down by the wind. The Magistrate convicted, and a previous conviction having been proved, passed sentence of six weeks' hard labour.

GOVERNOR OF MACAO.

VISITS GINGER FACTORY

On Wednesday afternoon H.E. the Governor of Macao and party (including his wife and daughter) visited the China Ginger Preserving Co., at Yau-mat, where he paid a thorough tour of inspection under the guidance of Mr. Tzu Hoo Cheun, secretary of the Company. His Excellency listened with interest to a detailed description of how ginger was preserved and prepared for export and asked various questions as to the suitability of Macao as a ginger growing and preserving centre.

The Governor's party sampled the Company's well known ginger and sweetmeats before leaving.

WEATHER REPORT.

FAIR TO SHOWERY.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5 p.m., stated:—The typhoon is now S.S.W. of Tokyo moving north-east. A depression appears to be forming over Tongking. LOCAL FORECAST:—E. winds, moderate, fair to showery.

OUR SCOTS.

YESTERDAY'S ROUTE MARCH.

SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION AT TAIKOO.

Yesterday's route march of the Scottish Company, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, was undoubtedly a great success. Assembling at the Polo Club at 6 p.m., the Company, headed by their Pipe Band, marched, in review order, to Taikoo Dock.

Shortly before the contingent arrived at their destination, Lt.-Col. H. W. Bird, D.S.O., Administration Commander, H.K.V.D.C., accompanied by Major J. A. Wolfe Murray, Adjutant, arrived by motorcar and took the salute at the entrance to the Dockyard.

The periodical route marches of the Scottish Company are, of course, a well-known feature of the work of the H.K.V.D.C., but the time recorded yesterday for this distance was a record for the Colony.

Arriving at the Taikoo Dock Recreation Club at 6.35 p.m. the Volunteers were welcome by Mr. D. Templeton, President of the Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society, and Mr. K. E. Greig, General Manager of the Taikoo Dock.

Mrs. W. Weir and a number of ladies provided an excellent tea, which was much appreciated by all present. After tea an informal concert, arranged by Capt. E. S. Morrison, was much enjoyed. Mr. J. Blakeley, at the piano, rendered a number of enjoyable popular items, whilst Mr. W. Johnson, whose impressions of Mr. Will Fyfe are well known locally, scored a great success with "I belong to Glasgow." Mr. Johnson is, unquestionably, a comedian of talent, and we hope that we may see considerably more of him in the future.

The Ladies.

At the conclusion, Captain Morrison said that the unit as a whole owed much to Taikoo. They were particularly grateful to the ladies on that occasion. He would like to see the strength of the Taikoo platoon doubled, and he believed that it could be done. He called for three hearty cheers for their hosts which were heartily responded to. Little Miss Ina Cunningham gave two solo dances which received quite an ovation.

BLOWN TO PIECES.

STONECUTTERS' GUN

"TRAGEDY."

EXPERTS SENT TO INVESTIGATE.

Yesterday gunnery experts went to Stonecutters Island to investigate the accident on Tuesday night which resulted in two Indian gunners being killed by the misfiring of a six inch gun.

Further enquiries revealed that there were ten men in the gun crew at practise on the fatal night. The others were either forward of the breach or lying on the ground and they escaped injury. One of the victims was blown to pieces.

The dead men were Naik Baga Singh and Gunner Bahan Singh. The injured man is Gunner Kuban Singh who is now in hospital suffering from burns and multiple wounds. All three were members of the Hong Kong and Singapore R. G. A.

It was also stated that several rounds of "blank" had been fired before the tragedy occurred. It was surmised that the accident was caused through the failure to close the breech properly or that some other necessary precaution had not been taken. Defective powder could also cause an accident of such a nature, but this was regarded as unlikely.

BIG MAIL YESTERDAY.

HOME LETTERS AND PAPERS.

Arriving from Home via *Suez* yesterday afternoon, the P. and O. *Kashmir* brought a big mail.

The total number of bags landed was 618, this including 103 bags of letters and papers, dated, London, September 1st.

For Hong Kong there were 169 bags, the remainder being for transhipment to coast ports, etc. There were also 130 bags of Home parcels.

Also arriving yesterday, from the North, was the s.s. *Saurland*, which landed 268 bags of mail, including 25 bags via Siberia from the United Kingdom, and 49 bags from Europe via the same route.

The outward Home mail via *Suez* this week-end will be despatched by the P. and O. s.s. *Khyber* to-morrow (Saturday), the mail closing at the G.P.O. for ordinary correspondence at 10.30 a.m.

NORTHERN LEADERS DECIDE TO HOLD ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCE.

EAGER TO SETTLE CHINA'S CHAOS.
NO INVITATION FOR NANKING OR HANKOW.

NATIONALISTS RETURNING TO SHANGHAI.
WANG CHING WEI IN THE PARTY.

NORTHERN FLEET AGAIN TO BOMBARD WOOSUNG.

The Northern leaders appear to be inclined to follow the suggestion of Sir Robert Ho Tung and hold a round-table conference, the importance of which, however, is considerably lessened by the fact that it is to be confined exclusively to Northern leaders, except that Shansi's "Model Governor" will be invited. It would seem that the Northern Fleet again intend to "bombard" Woosung, and in consequence the Southern bidders of that famous fort have been warned to be on the *qui vive*. Martial law has been declared at Woosung.

A NATIONALIST SUPERVISORY COMMISSION.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Sept. 29th.
The Nationalist Government (Nanking) has appointed C. C. Wu, Chow Lu, Tao Yen Kai, Bei Chung Hsi, Ho Ying Chang, Sun Fo and Chang Cheng as members of the Supervisory Commission of Finance. Wang Ching Wei, Hu Han Min, Chang Chi, Wang Chung Hui, Sun Fo, Tai Chi Tao and C. C. Wu have been also appointed members of the Commission for Foreign Affairs.

MORE PEKING STUDENTS ARRESTED.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Sept. 29th.
Peking's Police arrested eight more students of the Peking University on the 25th inst. They were charged with distributing circular against the Peking regime.

WHAT THE NORTHERN LEADERS INTEND TO DO.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Sept. 29th.
Chin Yun Ping, an influential Northern leader, has declared that all Northern military leaders have come to an unanimous decision that a round-table conference should be called to settle the present chaotic conditions. Marshal Chang Tso Lin, he asserts, holds the same opinion and is expected to proceed to Tsinan and Pengpu personally for the purpose of consulting with Generals Chang Tsung Chang, Sun Chuan Fang and Chu Yu Pu regarding the matter. The proposed conference will be held in Peking, to which General Yen Shih Shan will be invited to attend. So far, the Northern leaders do not wish to extend invitations to the Nanking and Hankow administrations.

GENERAL TANG AT CHANGSHA.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Sept. 29th.
General Tang Seng Chi arrived at Changsha on the 28th inst. After a week's sojourn in that city he will return to Hankow.
According to Japanese sources, on the 27th inst. General Tang Seng Chi's troops, under Commander Liu Hing, "clashed" with General Li Chang Jen's vanguard some 15 miles south-west of Wuhu. The result was that the former got the better of the exchanges, and strict martial law has since been declared in the city.

U.S. MOTOR CAR RIVALS.

FORD CO. v. GENERAL MOTORS.

INTERESTING STATEMENT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Sept. 29th.
Wall Street, which ever since the announcement of Ford's plans of a new type of car, has been anticipating a bitter automobile war between the Ford Company and General Motors Corporation, are much interested in the reports of a speech by Mr. Alfred Sloan, President of the Corporation, at Milford, Michigan, in which he intimated that there was plenty of room in the market for both Companies with cars falling in at other respective price and fields. This is interpreted as extending the Olive branch. The newspapers infer that as long as Ford's new metal does not invade the domain of the higher priced cars built by the Corporation, for example the Chevrolet, there will be no battle between these two giants of the motor car industry.

SACCO-VANZETTI ASHES.

BEING TAKEN TO ITALY.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Sept. 29th.
Miss Vanzetti, sister of the dead anarchist, has sailed for Italy with one-half of the commingled ashes of Sacco and Vanzetti.

U.S. LEGIONARIES.

RECEIVED BY THE POPE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Rome, Sept. 29th.
Three hundred and fifty American Legionaries have been received by the Pope.

THE LEAGUE AND A WARSHIP DISPUTE.

JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVE'S ADVICE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Geneva, Sept. 28th.
The Council of the League of Nations has concluded its business session and most of the delegates are proceeding home to-night.

The Council has fixed December 5th as the date of the next meeting, and has adjourned until then its further consideration of a dispute between the Greek Government and the Vulkan shipyards as regards the cruiser *Salamis*, of which the Greek Government refused to take delivery after the war.

The original contract price of the cruiser was £1,600,000, and Greece paid £450,000 in instalments, but claims that the contract is void as Germany is prohibited from exporting war material.
Mr. Adachi (Japan) energetically intervened in the discussion, in favour of referring the dispute to the Hague Court, and deprecated any hasty decision now, which the Council might regret later.

THE AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH LINE.

MAJORITY REPORT'S RECOMMENDATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Sydney, Sept. 28th.
A majority report of the Joint Committee on Public Accounts recommends the disposal of the steamers of the Australian Commonwealth Line to a private company and the termination of the directors' appointments.
The report says that the results of trading with the steamers have shown the unprofitability of forecasts made for shipping in the business line, and therefore they should not be retained as a direct governmental activity.

MEXICO'S RELIGIOUS WARFARE.

BULLETIN ON RECENT BATTLES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

Mexico City, Sept. 29th.
The Presidential Bureau has issued a bulletin stating that 34 "rebellious Catholic fanatics" were killed and a Catholic Father, named Sedano was captured, summarily court martialled and executed after two combats with Federal troops in Jalisco State. In the first fight at Los Mezquites, where 38 rebels, headed by Sedano, in an entrenched battle which lasted for four hours, 14 rebels were killed and two, including Sedano, were captured and executed. In the second engagement, at Portezuelo, 250 rebels attacked Federal troops. The former thereafter fled to the mountains, leaving 18 dead and many wounded.

THE GERMAN FLIGHT

ENGINE TROUBLE CAUSES FORCED LANDING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Beirut, Sept. 29th.
The mystery of the whereabouts of Koennicke since his departure from Angora on September 24th has been cleared up.
Engine trouble compelled him to land in the neighbourhood of Mouslimie, north of Aleppo. Here the French air force effected repairs to his machine, enabling the Germans to continue their flight to Basra yesterday morning.

SOVIET'S AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE.

NOT TO BE RECALLED.

FRENCH PRESS CAMPAIGN IGNORED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Moscow, Sept. 29th.
The French Press campaign against Rakovsky has received its final quietus in an official statement that the Soviet Government has no intention of recalling him.

LANCASHIRE COTTON INDUSTRY.

CONFERENCE REACHES AGREEMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Sept. 28th.
After a five days' conference of representatives of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Associations and the Cotton Yarn Association, the delegates have reached an agreement with regard to the curtailment of production, and minimum prices.
The decision will be communicated to the executives of the respective organizations, who will meet on Friday to discuss other urgent problems of the cotton industry.

ANOTHER REPORT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

ROBEY, Sept. 28th.
After a five days' conference the representatives of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Associations and the Cotton Yarn Association to-day reached an agreement not only on the problem of the curtailment of production of cotton but also on the question of minimum prices.

AMERICA'S INDUSTRIAL RETURNS.

INCREASED PRODUCTION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Sept. 28th.
The Federal Reserve Board's monthly report states *inter alia* that industrial production increased in August, reflecting the growth in the output of coal.
The consumption of cotton was unusually large, and motor-car production increased, though below the level of August, 1926.

BRITAIN'S SCHNEIDER CUP TEAM.

AIR MINISTRY ARRANGING OFFICIAL WELCOME.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

ROBEY, Sept. 28th.
Flight-Lieutenant Webster who won the Schneider Cup will reach Victoria Station, London, on Saturday afternoon. He will be accompanied by his comrades Flight-Lieutenant Worsley and Flight-Lieutenant Kinkhead. The Air Ministry is considering plans for an official welcome at the station.

ANOTHER BRITISH WORLD-RECORD.

1,000,000 HOUSES BUILT SINCE ARMISTICE.

LARGE PROPORTION WITHOUT SUBSIDY.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

ROBEY, Sept. 28th.
One million houses have been built in this country since the Armistice and nearly 350,000 of these without any subsidy.
Sir Kingsley Wood, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, gave these facts to-day in a review of the housing position. He said that no other country had made such progress or had expended such vast sums for the benefit of the houseless and badly housed. It was a world record and the greatest social contribution that had been made in this country since the war. One of the best features of the situation was that we were more and more becoming a nation of house-owners instead of merely house tenants.

BRITISH LABOUR AND RUSSIAN TRADE UNIONS.

THE DISCONTINUATION OF CO-OPERATION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

ROBEY, Sept. 28th.
Mr. Citrine, General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress, was asked to-day whether any communication had been received from the All-Russian Council of Trades Unions with regard to the recent decision of the Trades Union Congress to discontinue co-operation with Russian trade unions. He replied that no communication of any kind had been received from Russia.

RUSSIA'S METHOD OF BORROWING.

WHAT A PARIS PAPER THINKS OF IT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

The *Petit Parisien* forecasts that the French reply to the Soviet proposals of September 23rd show the impossibility of agreement on that basis of settling the debt question, and point out that the French delegation in consenting to an 80 per cent. reduction made real sacrifices, and the Soviet should show their goodwill by paying before they start thinking of borrowing.
The earlier reference said: "M. Rakovsky's Note purports to be a tentative settlement of Russian's debt to France based on the verbal agreement. Russia agrees to pay forty-one annuities of 60,000,000 francs in liquidation of pre-war loans, ten annuities of 60,000,000 francs on account of arrears of interest, and ten similar annuities on account of supplementary bonus. M. Rakovsky states that the Soviet has reduced the previous credit requirements to 20,000,000 dollars spread over six years, the proceeds of which would be expended in France."

THE PROPOSED U.S. LOAN TO PRUSSIA.

NOT FAVOURED BY GERMAN GOVERNMENT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28th.
In the absence of a formal request from the American bankers interested in the projected Prussian State Loan of \$30,000,000 for the administration's views, as proposed, officials here are inclined to believe that it is more or less definitely shelved.
The bankers have been informal-ly informed that the Government does not favour this loan to Prussia.

FROM CROYDON TO CAPETOWN.

8,000 MILES IN A "MOTH."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

ROBEY, Sept. 28th.
Lieutenant Bentley this afternoon completed his 8,000 miles flight from Croydon to Capetown in a light Moth aeroplane. He had an enthusiastic reception. The last stage, from Victoria West, was flown against a seventy miles an hour gale.

CHAIRMAN OF T.U.C.

MR. BEN TURNER ELECTED.

ADVOCATE OF INDUSTRIAL HARMONY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Sept. 28th.
Mr. Ben Turner has been elected chairman of the Trades Union Congress for the ensuing year.
Mr. Turner at the recent Trades Union Congress meeting at Edinburgh strongly advocated conciliation and negotiation with a view to peace in industry.

[Mr. Turner, O.B.E., was Labour M.P. for Bailey and Morley in the last Parliament. He is the president of the National Union of Textile Workers.]

MYSTERY OF RICHARD J. REYNOLDS.

"DIDN'T WANT TO BE BOTHERED."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

St. Louis, Sept. 28th.
Reynolds at first denied his identity, and declared that he had used an assumed name because he did not want to be bothered. He had seen the Dempsey-Tunney fight, and had attended horse and dog races.

The informer as to Reynolds' whereabouts will receive \$3,000. [An earlier message from New York stated: The police are investigating the mysterious disappearance of Mr. Richard J. Reynolds, the elder son of the founder of the Reynolds Tobacco Company, and one of the five heirs to Reynolds' fortune, which is estimated to be \$50,000,000. He was last seen on Sept. 18th at the railway station, saying farewell to a departing friend. His touring car was found overturned in the water at a suburban resort. He was later discovered in a chop suey shop by detectives.]

HOW THE HITCH AROSE.

BERLIN, Sept. 29th.
The hitch is due to difficulties centring round Article 243 of the Treaty of Versailles whereby it asserts that revenues of the German Empire and Constituent States constitute a first charge on the Reparations' obligations. It is understood that the President of the Reichsbank does not favour German public borrowing abroad from considerations of currency stability. These joint views have apparently influenced the State Department at Washington.

THE HONOUR OF A DEAD SOLDIER.

AMBUSH BETRAYED WHEN INSANE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

BRUSSELS, August 15th.
The honour of a soldier has been vindicated and full reparation made to his widow and son—who were awarded £2,850—by the decision of the Military Court that Honore Doyen, a Belgian soldier, who betrayed an ambush, was insane at the time.
Belgian troops early in the war made an ambush near a bridge in which they hoped to trap a contingent of Germans who were expected to pass along the road. The Germans came, but before they were near enough for the ambush to be opened, Doyen, who had seen the ambush from the bridge, shouted and waved his arms to the oncoming enemy, who hurriedly retreated unhurt.
Doyen was arrested and following a quick court-martial, was shot. A short official announcement was sent to his widow and son, advising them of the manner in which Doyen had met his death. They also received a message left by Doyen on a leaf from a school exercise book. He had started each word on a new line. The message read: "Dear Wife—To-morrow I shall be killed, but I have done nothing." At the instigation of the widow and son, made a complete inquiry into the case and was able to establish to the satisfaction of the Military Court that Doyen was out of his mind at the time he had betrayed the ambush.

NEW YORK BANK MERGER.

G.\$134,000,000 INVOLVED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Sept. 29th.
The Chase National Bank has absorbed the Mutual National Bank. The merger involves a total capital of G.\$134,000,000.

ANTI-OPIMUM WEEK IN SHANGHAI.

TO COMMENCE ON OCTOBER 2ND.

CONFISCATED OPIMUM TO BE BURNED.

The National Anti-Opium Association of China, which exists for the purpose of arousing the general public to the danger of opium and other narcotics and asking all intelligent citizens throughout the country to join in a great movement to help in realizing the Government's plan of opium suppression, has decided to launch a nationwide movement, generally known as the National Anti-Opium Week; and the programme for the week is as follows:

Oct. 2nd—Publicity Day.
Oct. 3rd—Family Day.
Oct. 4th—Students' Day.
Oct. 5th—Merchants' Day.
Oct. 6th—Farmers' and Labourers' Day.
Oct. 7th—Law Enforcement Day.
Oct. 8th—International Day.

That the National Anti-Opium Week this year will be a great success can be seen from the enthusiasm shown at the preparatory meeting held on Friday in the Shanghai Y.M.C.A. Over 200 organization and 100 sympathetic friends joined the meeting and had a heated discussion.

Students' Day.

On the Students' Day, the Committee decided that besides holding anti-opium meetings in different schools and colleges in Shanghai, there should be a debate on the opium question. Students of all grades will be invited to join it. Merchants' Day was decided, should meet in the General Chamber of Commerce on October 5th, and in the most concrete way show their enthusiasm in the national campaign against opium; and arrangements have been made to express their sympathy in the form of posters.
To educate the farmers and labourers on the question of opium, the Committee on that day decided that men should be sent to the neighbouring villages and factories to show them interesting pictures and give simple talks. On the Law Enforcement day, one of the items decided is to have a grand burning of all opium and narcotics that have been seized during the past three months by both the Chinese Maritime Customs and the Chinese local Government.

A Day For The Foreigners.

It was decided that two things would be done on the International Day; that is to publish special anti-opium supplements or columns in leading English papers and to hold a big international anti-opium meeting in the evening of October 8th. Prominent foreign friends who are interested in the Chinese anti-opium movement were asked to write for the special supplements; and leaders of all nationalities together with the municipal authorities will be invited to the meeting.—*North China Daily News*.

RUSSIAN OIL CHALLENGE.

INQUIRY INVITED BY M. STALIN.

"DUTCH" REPLY.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 31st.
De Telegraaf publishes a statement by Sir Henri Deterding, of the Royal Dutch Company, accepting the challenge made by M. Joseph Stalin, of the Soviet Republic, regarding the confiscated Russian oil resources.
M. Stalin published the following statement in one of the New York newspapers:—
"Soviet Russia has not stolen even a barrel of oil from any individual belonging to any nationality. We nationalised Russia's oil resources, and we are willing any day to participate in a disinterested commission or court to give an equitable verdict on such claims."
Sir Henry has accepted this challenge, and has instructed his representative in New York telegraphically to put the question to the Soviet representative whether the Soviet Government will also abide by and help to execute such verdict.
Sir Henry Deterding adds that he believes a new era is dawning, and that the Soviet Government has found that Communism is unworkable.—B.U.F.

NEW SEASON'S GOODS

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New goods at
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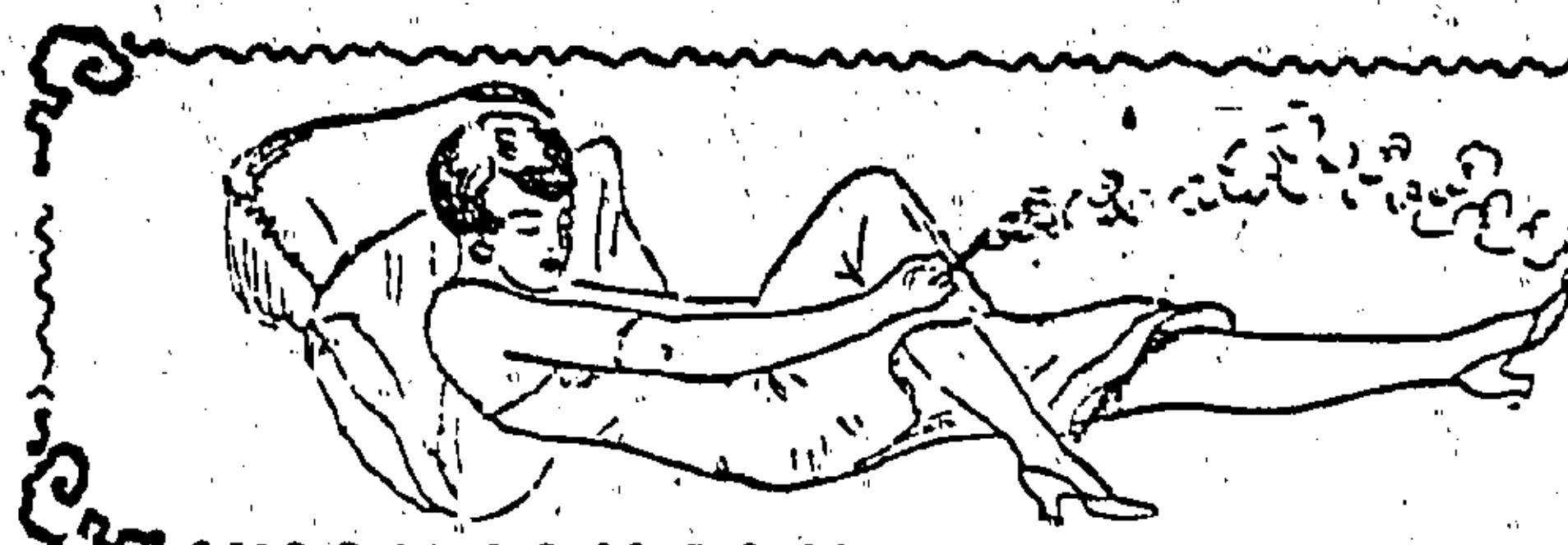
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WOMAN'S PAGE

PERSIAN COATS.

A VERY GRACEFUL FORM OF
EVENING WRAP.

Persian coats are a delightful change from the popular. Haori coat, and Pohoomull Bros. who are introducing them are convinced not unreasonably that they will have a great success. These coats which are of a similar shape to a Haori coat, but fastened across the breast with an ornamental cord, are made of a good heavy crepe de chine and lined with plain silk. They are printed in very lovely designs, traditional Persian carpets patterns which have been specially drawn in Persia by local artist craftsmen, the coats themselves being made for Pohoomull Bros. in their workshops in Yokohama. The colours of the design are similar to those of Persian carpets—browns, earth red, and clear cobalt blues and greens predominating and they are printed on various coloured grounds. In every example which I saw there was a very real appreciation of what is wanted by European taste.

As regards price the Persian coat, the Happy coat, which is similar in style but has a Chinese pattern printed on it, and the Haori coat run to much the same, and one can give \$40 as a general price for a good example.

TWO COLOUR
SCHEMES.SEEN IN WHITEAWAY,
LAIDLAW'S.

There was a sofa covered with old gold silk damask, and behind it hung curtains of striped jaspé in blue and gold and sunset pink. The colours of the three hangings blended perfectly and it looked rather as though it were one piece of wonderfully shot silk. Such an arrangement gives one a feeling of pleasure which one hardly expects in the household furnishing department of a big store. Ease, refinement, and a pleasant sense of a beautifully equipped house, were expressed in it.

A week ago I remember seeing a not dissimilar arrangement this time in soft sunset colourings. The sofa was draped with striped or rather shot jaspé, on which rose melted into sunset gold, and behind it hung a rose coloured curtain of figured silk damask. An old gold cushion on the sofa made a central note which held the whole together. These two colour schemes show what a rich effect can be attained with the quite cheap materials provided they are chosen with taste and are a lesson from which many people might learn to make their homes more beautiful.

BY THE WAY.

TENNIS KIT:—Whiteaway, Laidlaw's are now showing a large number of white felt hats in various styles, fluffy white sports coats and finely kilted skirts all very suitable for tennis wear.

EVENING SHOES:—I wonder if you know that you can get at Pohoomull's the most lovely French gold and silver brocade, which is guaranteed not to tarnish for evening shoes. There are several very charming designs and the cost for a pair of shoes is from \$2.50 to \$4.

LIGHT WEIGHT SHAWLS:—The Pioneer Silk Store have got in response to numerous requests a lot more of those charming embroidered shawls which are much lighter to wear than the Cantonese variety. They are mostly in one or two colour schemes and have generally one large spray of bold embroidery in one corner, and a fringe which is guaranteed not to tangle.

CHRISTMAS CARDS:—Miss Honeys, of the Sign of the Lantern tells me that a large number of Christmas cards and calendars made from her own designs are expected early next week. It would be as well to go early to get the best choice as these cards are something very special.



Two charming coats for the first chilly days. The braiding of the coat on the left is very smart, the other shows the Oriental influence.

COSY COATS FOR
SMALL PEOPLE.

The new fur cloths are being used this winter to make the dearest little coats and breechette sets for the tines. I was looking at a number of different patterns in Whiteaway, Laidlaw's the other day, and besides being charmed with them, I was very surprised at the low price. Silky Teddy bear coats in white, fawn and brown were cosy and chic and mothers will be glad to see that they wrap over well. Softly curled lambs wool is used for other little sets and like the teddy bear material is nicely lined with a strong mixture of silk and cotton. The most charming of all were, I thought, very smart little outfits in a fine soft all wool serge trimmed at the collar and hem with clipped wool. These coats are in a range of dainty colourings, pinks, blues, yellows and greens, besides, of course, white and have caps to match which pull well down over the ears.

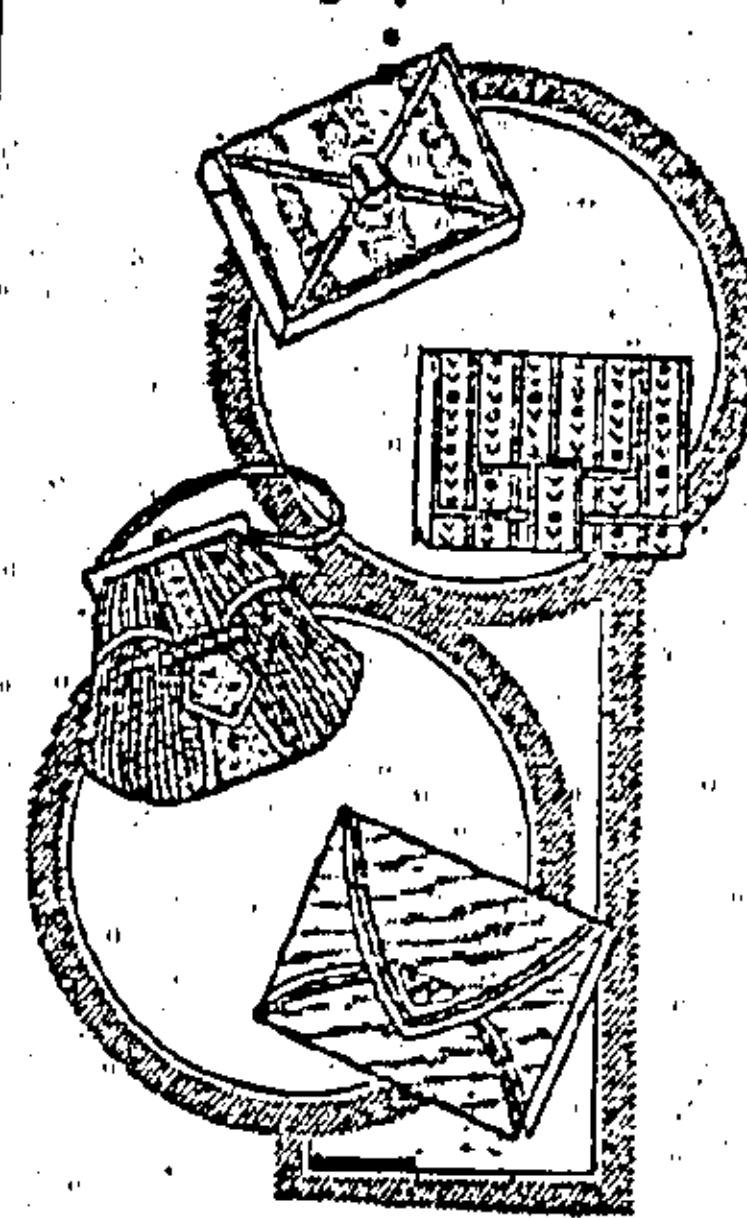
FRINGE AND LACE.

SOME GRACEFUL AFTERNOON
FROCKS.

Fringe, both the bead and silk variety, has come into favour again and is used to give a very charming effect on some of the new afternoon and evening dresses. Real lace too, which is never really out of fashion, is reappearing on the modified *robe de style* which will be very popular this winter.

I was looking at some very graceful afternoon dresses in the Sign of the Lantern most of which showed the use of either fringe or lace. One black georgette dress has a very deep black silk fringe at the hem and a graceful circular cape of the same fringe; real lace is used for the collar and cuffs of a dark blue marocain dress cut with a long tight bodice trimmed with a row of cut steel buttons. Its skirt is cut with the circular flare, which Lavin uses, and the effect is very chic and unusual.

I saw also a lovely frock in Joffre blue georgette tucked in diagonals with a fringe covered skirt, and a very charming black marocain with a certain old world charm about its narrow lace collar and cuffs. This frock has also the new certain pleats instead of shirring at the top of the skirt.



An evening bag in white and gold brocade is made in the box, as well as the envelope, style so that, while it keeps its full shape, it yet can take a few additions of the powder-box variety without appearing bulky.

The bag sketched beneath is in similar style and in rose, mauve, and silver brocade.

A day bag of dark blue silk is pleated in a way that allows of a certain amount of elasticity. The bindings are of vine-green kid. Purest pink moiré silk, bound with bands of silver and rose brocade, is used for the fourth bag.

GLADYS COOPER'S TOILET PREPARATIONS:—Gladys Cooper has had prepared a range of toilet preparations, creams lotions and powders from her own recipes, and you can get them all at Lane, Crawford's who are the sole agents in the Colony. Every one I have met who has tried them is enthusiastic about these preparations which are put up in a very attractive manner.

BEADED EVENING DRESSES:—Pamela is now showing some beautiful beaded evening frocks, which combine simplicity with very great chic. Let me describe three of them, the others you should go to see for yourself. There is one in the new sunset colour, georgette embroidered with stars of silver beads, the skirts has five rows of bead fringe alternately of pearly and silver beads. Pea green georgette is made lovely with silver beads and a tracery of rhinestones and is hemmed with bead fringe. A dress which is entirely covered with silver sequins has a deep hem of cobwebby white lace whereon a dainty pattern is outlined in pearl beads.

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LUXURY WITH ECONOMY.

For Summer and early Autumn wear the new stock of luxurious goods from India, China and Japan at

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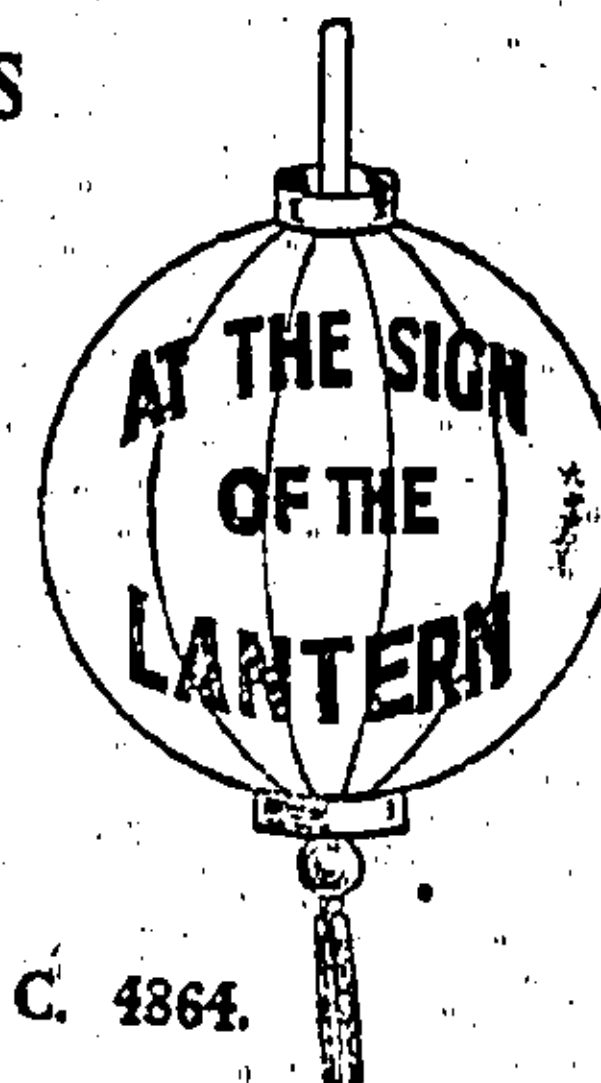
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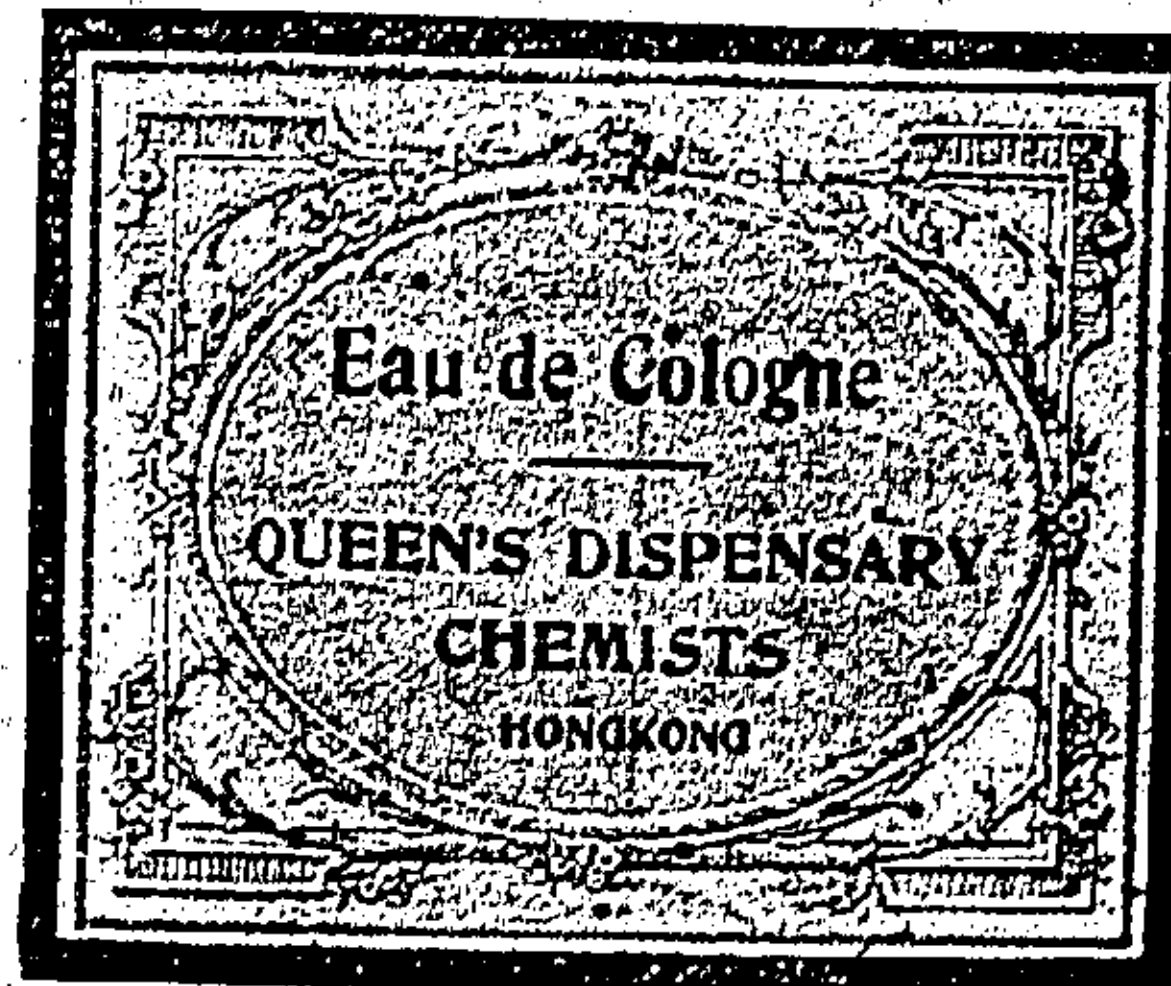
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for announcements of special
interest to all Ladies.

ORIENTAL RINGS:—If you are looking for a small present to send home don't forget that you can get at the Sign of the Lantern those very artistic rings with a semi-precious stone set in Chinese silver. Each of these is enclosed in a lovely little box covered with old Chinese embroidery and while, of course, the prices vary with the value of the stones, there are many charm-

ings, rings which only cost a dollar or two.

EVENING DRESS LENGTHS:—The Pioneer Silk Store have now got dress lengths with tinsel lace insertion in a lovely soft satin as well as in crêpe de chine and georgette, and I also saw there silk lace in several designs and colours which is made wide enough to get a dress from a yard and a half.

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GIFTS AND GIVERS.

THE LASTING CHARM OF SILVER.

It is more blessed, we are told, to give than to receive, but nothing is said about the choosing of the gift. There are people, of course, who buy a present as they would a postage stamp, but the blessing of giving, like most other good things, is not obtained as easily as that.

I suppose wedding presents have caused more disappointment to both donor and receiver than any other form of gift, and are the most difficult to choose. Your gift is only one of a large number, and you need, therefore, to give particular care to its choice. At every wedding reception you see ill-chosen presents which will prove white elephants. Happy the couple who are setting sail for a foreign land and can safely dispose of them on arrival! I remember one young bride who was cursed with a hideous vase which was enquired after and inspected everytime the old lady who presented it came to see her. The curse was deepened when "the cat" broke it for she had to spend three guineas on replacing the horror before the donor could again.

The Commensurate Method.

There is little excuse for near friends or relatives who give unwanted presents. The easy and safe course is to ask the bride for a list of the things she wants. The exercise of a little tact on her part will provide that the list comprises gifts within range of the donors' taste and purse.

Even if the bride-to-be has given you no indication of what she wants a little forethought will prevent the tragedy of an unappreciated gift. You probably know something of what her future circumstances will be. If she is intending to make her home here, or to travel, or to live at home. Except for the wealthy the servant problem in England makes most young wives anxious to avoid filling their homes with useless ornaments or utensils which need constant cleaning but silver ware has a beauty and permanency which repay any trouble you may spend on it.

The Month Of Marriages.

Late Crawford's sale of silver and silver plate during which every article is reduced by 25 per cent. comes at an opportune moment. There is demand for wedding presents now that "the month of marriage" is drawing very near, and all the recognised wedding gifts, besides a great number of other pleasures and original articles, are included in these large and very varied stock.

Silver Ware.

Nearly everyone wants to give and to receive as a wedding present something which shall be a lasting memorial and which will be constantly used with pride. Silver ware fulfils these requirements. The usual teaspoons or condiment sets may seem a little unoriginal, but they are always appreciated provided the young couple are not given enough to stock an hotel. An asparagus dish, which has a rack for the stems, a sauce boat, and a pair of tongs as servers, all on a silver dish makes an original present.

I saw the most charming sets for after-dinner coffee. These consist of a silver tray bearing coffee pot, milk jug, and sugar basin, with four cups in delicately tinted Crowds Derby china each with a silver spoon topped by a coffee berry. The bride who could fail to be charmed with such a useful and dainty gift would indeed be hard to please, and it is by no means dear at \$75.

Entire dishes again are always useful. I know one lady who has all her sauces served in the small round variety, which is an excellent idea as they keep warm even through a protracted course. Who has not suffered from greasy gravy and cold bread-sauce on a second helping! Candlesticks, vases, tea, fruit and fish knives are other well recognised stand byes which may be purchased to great advantage during the period of Lane, Crawford's sale, but I want to speak here rather of the less usual gifts.

For A Dainty Lady.

The man who needs to give the most thought to his wedding gift, and more often than not makes a miss of it, is the old flame. He, in particular, is looking for something which shall be distinctive to the bride, personal to her, and yet not so ostentatious as to cause trouble with her husband. Jewellery is generally ruled out on the last count; wearing apparel is only a temporary reminder of his affection; books get put away in a shelf and eaten by cockroaches. I saw some little enameled boxes, however, which fulfilled every requirement.

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V.R.C. ACTIVITIES.

NIGHT FETE POSTPONED.

THE HARBOUR RACES.

The swimming season is coming to a close and the Victoria Recreation Club is busy arranging the usual concluding events. Of primary importance are the Harbour Races which have been fixed for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 17th, 18th and 19th, respectively. The first day's event will be confined to Chinese, the ladies' swimming will occupy the second day and the Open Race will be held on the last day. Great interest always centres round the Harbour Races and last year the Open event was one of the most spectacular in the history of local harbour races.

The sixth Night Fete, which had been fixed for Wednesday, October 18th, has been postponed till a later date on account of the day being the anniversary of the Portuguese Republic. As many Portuguese patrons would be unable to attend. In all probability, the Fete will be held when the Australians, who have gone to Japan, are passing through the Colony. That will be the last Night Fete of the Season.

On Wednesday, however, two Open Championships of the Colony will be decided. One is the 400 yards free style and the other is the 100 yards Breast Stroke. Both will be swum at the Victoria Recreation Club, beginning at 5.30 p.m. Entries close at 2 p.m. on Saturday and must be accompanied by one dollar for each event. Any necessary heats will be swum on Sunday. On the same day an Open Team Race, Open Championship of the Colony (6 men aside from any Club, Hong or Association) will also be held. It is hoped that there will be a good number of entries for the last event.

A further date has also been fixed to decide other local Championships.

On Monday, October 10th, the 800 yards Free Style will take place followed by the Chinese event for the same distance. The Mok Challenge Cup for Chinese only, 200 yards Breast Stroke, will also be decided on the same day. Entries for these events close on Sunday, October 10th, at 5 p.m.

KOWLOON DOCK U.S. CLUB.

SUNDAY'S AQUATIC EVENTS.

Reference was made yesterday to the swimming gala which is being held at the Kowloon Dock Bathing Beach for Service men, on Sunday, under the auspices of Kowloon Dock Unions Service Club.

The preliminary heats are being decided to-day, and the finals take place on Sunday.

It should have been mentioned yesterday that in addition to the band of the 1st Camerofians being present on Sunday, there will also be the band of the 2nd Scots Guards.

Particulars of the launch service were given yesterday.

The Events.

There will be a dozen events, as follows:—Diving off spring board, 100 yards championship, egg and spoon race, long distance championship, tilting, high dive, one length championship, Derby race, back and breast stroke, water polo final.

What dainty lady does not carry such a small box in her bag to-day, and take it out to add just that fine dusting of powder which makes her feel ready to face each fresh situation? It is her constant companion and most trusted lieutenant. These little compact boxes are most beautifully enamelled on silver, each a real object d'art. Such a box will be treasured by the recipient, for fine workmanship makes it a valuable gift quite apart from any lingering tendresse for the giver, or the powder it contains.

For her handbag too, are silver and enameled mirrors, and lovely little containers for lip rouge, silver gilt and circled by a ring of jewel-like enamelling and finished with a black silk tassel. I saw also some English made silver mesh bags of a very pretty design, which, owing to the 25 per cent. reduction only cost about \$40.

My Lady's Toilet Table.

My lady's dressing table, too, offers plenty of scope for charming gifts. Boxes and trays of silver and crystal, or of that wonderful inlaid tortoise-shell which is the result of so much patient craftsmanship, are a constant source of joy and pride to any woman. Now that nearly every girl has a neat shingle, her hair brushes are being made like men's though with longer bristles and slightly narrower grip. The new "Bobette" sets are admirably adapted for the needs of the day. In a neat leather case are two hair and two clothes brushes, silver backed; a comb, and a pair of clippers. For convenience when travelling the lid folds to make a stand up mirror and there is a hidden compartment for jewelry.

U.S. YACHTING.

A WIN FOR "MAYBE."

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

OYSTER BAY, Sept. 29th.
Maybe beat Noreg by 32 seconds and Meronetta by 2 mins., 30 secs., over a course of 12 miles.

THE SCOTTISH COMPANY.

ANNUAL SPORTS BEING ARRANGED.

TO BE HELD AT KING'S PARK.

A new venue has been obtained for the 3rd annual Inter-Platoon sports meeting of the Scottish Company of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, the Kowloon British School sports ground at King's Park having been loaned for the event, which is to take place on Saturday, October 29th, beginning at 2 p.m.

The following interesting programme of events has been arranged:—

For members of the Company only 100 yards scratch, 220 yards scratch, 440 yards scratch, 880 yards scratch, high jump, long jump, Putting the Shot, Inter-Platoon Relay Race, (220, 250, 440 and 440), Inter-Platoon Tug-of-War, Teams of 8, (Total Weight, not to exceed 4 stone), Relay Race, (Teams of four), Highland Fling (individual).

Bowls Competition: Inter-Platoon, Bowls Competition, on Sunday, October 18th, at the China Sugar Refinery Company's Recreation Club, East Point. Two risks of four from each Platoon.

5-a-side Football Competition.

Inter-Platoon 5-a-side, on October 19th, commencing at 5 p.m. on H.K.F.C. ground.

LOCAL GOLF.

Owing to the minimum number of entries not being received, the Adamson Cup competition for September has been cancelled.

The men's golf championship of the Shek O Country Club is to be played for on October 30th, the conditions being 36 holes, medal play. Entries close on tomorrow. The only competition at Fanling this week-end will be the Captain's Cup, but the following week-end the Autumn Meeting will be held.

LAWN TENNIS AT SHANGHAI.

WADE RETAINS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Wade retained his title of single champion on Sunday afternoon at the Majestic Hotel court by beating Rasmussen in three straight sets, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4. A goodly crowd turned up to watch the match though not as large as was expected. Wade led off with the service and took the game. The next three games also went to him and he got the set at 6-1.

Wade piled up a lead of three games to love in the second set but Rasmussen took the next three games against the service to give eighth game to love on his service to lead two sets to love.

The first five games in the third set went in exactly the same way as the corresponding ones in the previous set, to give Wade a 4-1 lead. Wade took the next on his service and with a 6-1 lead over Rasmussen now began to produce much more accurate drives and reduced Wade's lead to 5-4. A further hard fought though was not to be and Wade took the tenth game and the match to love.—*North China Daily News.*

£10,300 STAKED ON A CARD.

FORTUNE RETRIEVED BY A MILLIONAIRE.

DEAUVILLE, August 17th.

Deauville's largest bet at baccarat has been made by an American millionaire.

His name is kept secret, but he is known to have amassed a fortune in real estate in America and to be of Hungarian descent.

A few days ago he lost 2,000,000 francs (about £16,000), and determined to retrieve his bad luck. He bet steadily, winning hour after hour.

When he had 1,250,000 francs (about £10,000) in front of him he staked all on the turn of a single card.

He won.

It is estimated that when he rose from the table he had won back the 2,000,000 francs originally lost and another 2,000,000 francs as well—about £32,000 in all.

WATCH YOUR CHANGE.

SPURIOUS COINS CIRCULATED ON TRAINS.

DISHONEST CONDUCTOR GAOLED.

Those who travel on tram cars would do well to watch their change. A dishonest conductor who had eight spurious ten cent pieces in his possession was charged at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. R. E. Lindell. He was sent to gaol for three months.

It was given in evidence by Inspector James that bad money was sold to tram conductors at the rate of six cents each by a gang of counterfeiters.

The defendant pleaded that it was not his intention to pass the bad money on to passengers. He got them in his day's work and when he handed the money back to the office, the shroff would not take it and returned them to him.

This was denied by the Company shroff who said that all bad money was immediately chopped into halves and never returned to the conductors.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

"THE CLAW" AND "CHARLIE CHAPLIN."

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

Not a few of yesterday's audience were disappointed to find that Charlie Chaplin's "A Dog's Life" was so minor a part of the entertainment. The great comedian pleases more than the "groundlings" because he has an inimitable something which raises him above the commonplace of art, and there are a few of the most unlikeliest people, the writers know of several elderly officials for example, who will never visit a cinema except to see him. It seems a pity therefore that on two occasions, lately when Chaplin has been billed, the present instance and in the showing of "Shoulder Arms" he has been prefaced by a film which has absorbed the greater part of the time. "A Dog's Life" is very complete artistry, and like most of Chaplin's own productions, the story is told almost without captions. Charlie is at his most amusing and whimsical and the whole film has that curious dream like atmosphere which he knows so well how to convey. There was no doubt of the enthusiastic welcome which was offered to this rather pathetic figure in the baggy trousers.

"The Claw" which preceded "A Dog's Life" is a very clever adaptation of one of Ethel M. Dell's novels, at all events it has all the ingredients which have made that young woman a best seller. A beautiful and tender-hearted heroine, played by Claire Windsor, is loved by a handsome brave but rather sinister man, and also by the inarticulate generous hearted hero. The African veldt provides a romantic setting where a large band of savages offer an opportunity for the complications which end in Didier's realisation of the worth of her "strong silent" lover. The story is well told and acted, and there are many interesting scenes.

WOMAN EXPERT ON TANNING.

FOUR-FIGURE SALARY AS RESEARCH DIRECTOR.

Dr. Dorothy Jordan Lloyd, of Birmingham, has just been appointed to one of the strangest positions that a woman has yet held.

She has been made Director of Research to the British Leather Manufacturers' Research Association, and her future work will lie in supervising experiments of the greatest value to the tanning trade.

Dr. Jordan Lloyd, who is in the thirties, has been working for this organisation since it was formed after the war, and has gained a reputation among tanners all over the world.

She has written on and conducted extensive experiments with gelatine and the construction of tanning. She conducts her experiments at the Lister Institute, where she has another woman scientist to help her. The exact value of her work is known only to those in the leather trade, since most of the official research work is entirely confidential.

The new director, who is at present staying at her mother's house in Birmingham, is unmarried. Her new salary runs into four figures, and is the same as a man director would have been awarded for the position.

SCHNEIDER CUP.

OFFICIAL ITALIAN FIGURES.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

VENICE, Sept. 28th.

The official report of the committee of the Italian Aero Club on the Schneider Cup contest, states that Lieutenant Webster's average speed was 281 miles and 1,156 yards an hour.

It also refers to Webster's record over 100 kilometres, in which he averaged 253 miles, 1,175 yards.

THE DISTURBED YANGTZE VALLEY.

YUNNAN WANTS INDEPENDENCE.

RIVAL GENERALS.

The following extract from last Saturday's *North China Daily News* gives a very good idea of the disturbed conditions prevailing in most parts of the Yangtze Valley:

Local reports indicate that there has been no further trouble in Hankow from the Japanese firing incident on the morning of September 21st. Wang Ching Wei is said to have arrived in Hankow, and it is now thought likely that Galen did not leave when he was first reported to have done so earlier in the week.

On the afternoon of September 22nd, considerable rifle firing started in the native city of Wuhan, but did not spread to the foreign quarters. The reported cause of this shooting was the action of the 26th Army in disarming the 21st Independent Division. Several casualties amongst the military were reported, but by 5 p.m. everything had quieted down. Bandits have been reported in the Taipingfu district.

A few troops of the 27th Army with a few field guns arrived at Nanking during the 24 hours preceding a report sent on Thursday. A reliable report from Nanking also states that Northern troops are advancing down the Tientsin-Pukow Line.

Disbandment at Chinkiang.

The 31st Army in Chinkiang, except for the portion of it which crossed the river recently, were disarmed and disbanded on Wednesday. The residence of the Commissioner of Customs in Chinkiang, hitherto faring better than most in the Concession, has been thoroughly looted and despoiled, according to reports reaching here yesterday.

From missionary sources it is learned that conditions in Yunnan have recently undergone a change. A missionary writing from Yunnan states that General Long, the tribesman leader believed to have come originally from Kwangsi, is in control of the capital at the present time. The western part of the province, including Tali, has declared its independence, and the south is to a large extent in the control of some thousands of bandits. In the north Generals Hu and Chang are in control, these districts being Tongchuan and Chao'ang principally.

General Tseo of Kweichow sent recently three bodies of troops to restore order in Yunnan, and these troops are described as being along the border and in control of Loiping, Pingli, and several other places further north.

Dash For Yunnan Unsuccessful.

A fair idea of the complexity of the Yunnanese pattern which bears numerous resemblances to what is going on in other military-ridden parts of China is afforded through the information that about one month ago General Hu was ousted from the control now held by General Long. Likewise, apart from menaces by one General Chang who has been for some time working his way from the west around the south and on the railway which was blocked for several days as a result of this advance. As Long's men were nearly all away, Chang made a dash for the city of Yunnanfu, but within a few miles of it he met some of Long's soldiers and deflected his course east on the Tongchuan Road.

Generals Hu and Chang have a large number of troops, the information, and declare that they are coming to attack General Long again. The fact that the latter is short of money and ammunition is another well-known aspect of the east. General Hu took all he could lay hands on when he left a month ago, it is reported, and as this general is believed to be the Yunnan link with the Hankow Reds, general relief is felt at his eclipse.

Anti-Communist Efforts.

A certain amount of anti-Communist energy is being shown by Long who had a number of students arrested when their activities became alarming and who had large numbers of anti-Communist placards, presumably sent out by the Nanking Government, placed throughout the town.

HOW SHOCKING!

Janet Ross, the friend of Dickens, Thackeray, and many other eminent Victorians, who has just died at the age of 80, noted in her reminiscences as among the greatest changes she had seen in the course of her long life "the altered view, even in the most exalted circles, regarding baths. She could recall how horrible the good folk of Herefordshire were when it became known that she and her sister took daily baths. 'Why, my dear!' exclaimed one old woman, 'I suppose you have to take off all your clothes! How shocking!'



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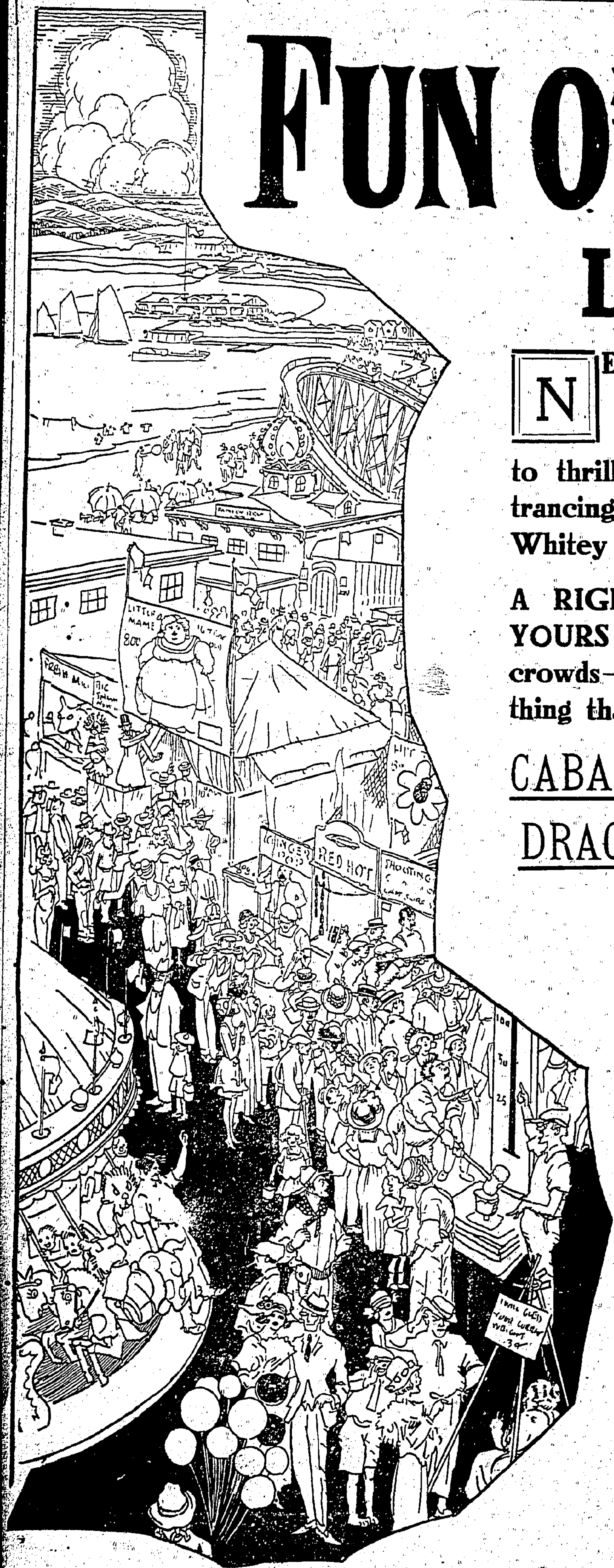
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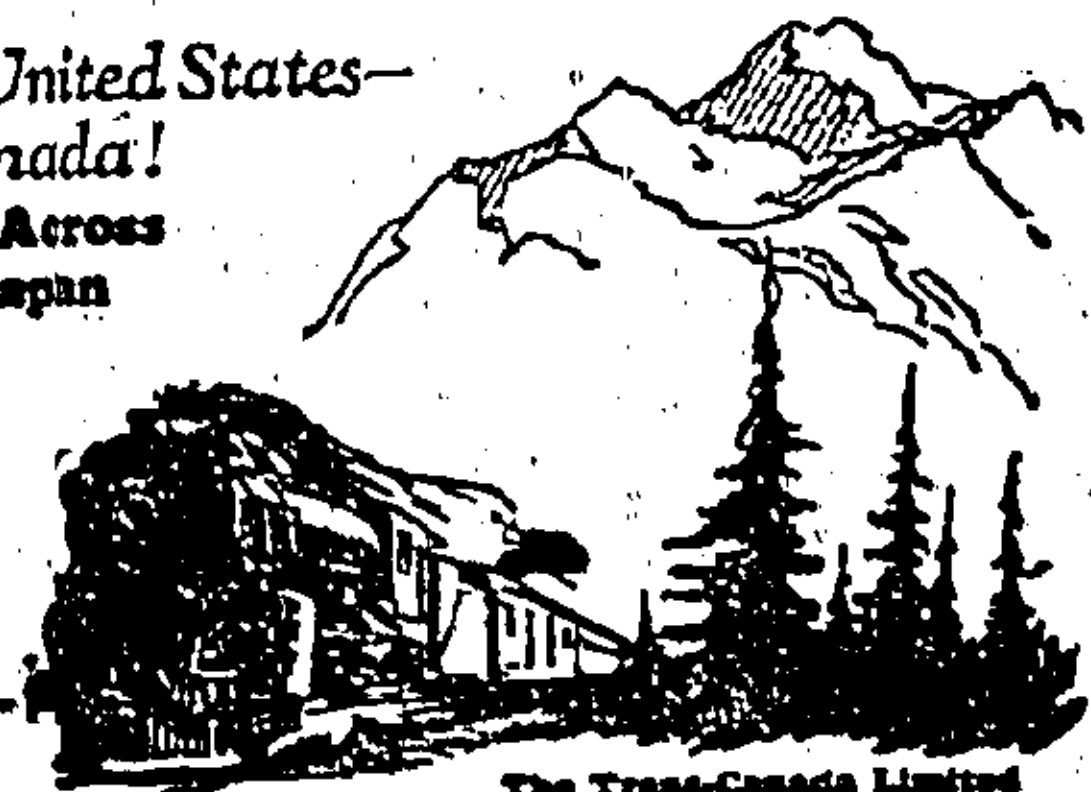
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

NORMAL INWARD AND
THROUGH FREIGHTS.

EIGHTEEN VESSELS ARRIVED.

Freights as registered by the
vessels arriving during the 24
hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday
were normal. British vessels were
the lowest contributors.

Inward cargoes amounted to
15,012 tons. These were brought by
sixteen vessels. Three British
steamers were responsible for only
2,222 tons.

The two best returns were 5,000
tons and 3,600 tons. The former
were brought by the s.s. *Sembla* from
Samarang, and the latter were
carried by the Norwegian steamer
Prospere, from Saigon.

Through freights, carried by nine
steamers, amounted to 14,238 tons.
Of these, 600 tons were on one
British ship.

The two heaviest carriers were the
s.s. *Mayhew* from Osaka and
Samarang, and the *Sembla* from
Samarang. The former vessel car-
ried 3,983 tons and the latter 3,000
tons.

There were eighteen arrivals and
10 departures during the period
under review. They were:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	4	5
Japanese	1	1
Norwegian	1	1
Chinese	3	1
Dutch	2	0
French	4	1
German	2	1
Total	18	10

JUNK PIRATED.

A junk which left Samui on
September 23rd for Hong Kong
with a cargo of eggs and some bales
of cloth, the value of which was
unknown, was chased by a pirate
boat and eventually overhauled.
Ten men, four armed with rifles
and the others with revolvers and
daggers boarded the junk.

The junk's crew were driven into
the hold, and the pirates sailed the
vessel to Toutau where they went
ashore taking with them 20 baskets
of eggs and a quantity of cloth.
The pirates spent one day and two
nights at the junk and eventually
abandoned her at 3 a.m., on Sep-
tember 25th, when the junk master
immediately set sail for Hong
Kong.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships and
auxiliaries were in port yesterday:
South Wall Basin, *Mojo*, South
Wall Basin, *Thracian*, East Wall
Basin, *Yamato*, S.M.S. *L.15* and
L.19, North Arm, *Sepey*, West
Wall, Dock, *Durban*, in Dock,
Korvet and *Tarantula*; Taikoo
Dock, *Peter* and *Ter*; Kowloon
Dock, *Magnolia*; No. 4 Buoy,
S.M.S. *L.1*, *L.4*, *L.5* and *L.13*; No.
5, U.S.S. *Truxton* Pope; No. 8,
Buoy, *Ambrase*; No. 9 Buoy,
Portuguese, *Patric*; No. 10 Buoy,
U.S.S. *Pillsbury* Pope; No. 12
Buoy, U.S.S. *Peary*; 13 Buoy,
Ruthenia; No. 25 Buoy, *Harbi*.
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Pope and *Pillsbury*; Portuguese,
Patric.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

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[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

Amusing entries made by skip-
pers or officers of vessels arriving
into the Colony are often found
in the returns made to the Har-
bour Authorities. But the best
found so far was the entry "First
Time" written against the casualty
column by the s.s. *Tu To* from Can-
ton and Swatow. It may be pre-
sumed that the vessel was either on
her first voyage or that she had a
casualty on board for the first time.
Any way, it was very vague.

New Port Of London Harbour
Master.

Captain J. E. Harrison has been
appointed harbour master of the
Port of London Authority in suc-
cession to Capt. D. Ronald Buchanan
who has retired. Previous to his
appointment, Capt. Harrison—who
obtained his master's certificate in
1922—has been assistant to Capt.
Buchanan since he joined the Port of
London Authority in 1923.

The "Juna."

The *Juna*, the name of the latest
ship launched for the British India
Steam Navigation Company by
Messrs. Swan Hunter and Wigham
Richardson, has been specially de-
signed for the India coast trade
and is about 2,000 tons. She has
improved passenger accommodation
on the bridge deck in large roomy
cabins, and provision is made for
the carrying of native passengers
in large numbers. The machinery
consists of two sets of triple-expansion
engines burning oil-fuel, driving
the ship at a speed of 14 knots.

P. & O. Brides: A Record In
Danger!

The P. & O. it is said to relate,
appears to be rapidly losing one of
its most cherished records as far
as this part of the world is con-
cerned for it has always been re-
puted to carry more prospective
brides to the East than any other
line; and even the youngest Com-
mander has acquired that rather
peculiar which is so comforting.
But the Blue Funnel is running a
close, race now seeing that the
Jenios brought out no less than
seven last voyage and not an un-
kind word spoken the whole trip.
—Singapore Free Press.

Died At Sea.

The s.s. *Seitan* arriving here yes-
terday afternoon from Singapore
and Hoahow reported the death of
two Chinese deck passengers from
beri beri en route.

Chinese Deck Passengers.

The total number of Chinese deck
passengers entering the Colony dur-
ing the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.
was 2,491.

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Torilla left Singapore for Hong
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Changite, Oct. 11th.

Taiiping, Nov. 8th.

Bank Line.

City of Osaka, Nov. 28th.

City of Peking, Dec. 24th.

City of Salford, to-morrow.

City of Wellington, Oct. 16th.

Blue Funnel Line.

Achilles, Dec. 5th.

Antenor, Dec. 15th.

Arctura, Dec. 3rd.

Cyclops, Dec. 6th.

Demodocus, Nov. 10th.

Diomed, Oct. 7th.

Euryades, Nov. 17th.

Euryppus, Oct. 22nd.

Maechan, Nov. 29th.

Memnon, Dec. 6th.

Orestes, Oct. 30th.

Patroclus, Nov. 17th.

Phemius, Oct. 31st.

Proteus, Oct. 25th.

Pyrrhus, Dec. 13th.

Surpelas, Oct. 20th.

Talithybus, Nov. 15th.

Telesius, Oct. 18th.

Thersites, to-morrow.

Tyndarus, Oct. 2nd.

British India and Apcar Line.

Takliwa, Oct. 4th.

Talawa, Oct. 2nd.

Torilla, Oct. 4th.

Canadian Pacific Line.

Empress of Canada, Oct. 3rd.

Empress of Russia, Oct. 10th.

Dodwell & Co.

Kendal Castle, Oct. 14th.

Romulo, Oct. 13th.

Dollar Line.

President Pierce, Oct. 2nd.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.

Africa, Oct. 20th.

Danmark, Dec. 1st.

Malaya, Nov. 5th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

Arufura, Oct. 3rd.

Talawa, Nov. 7th.

Glen Line.

Carnarvonshire, Nov. 12th.

Glenishiel, Oct. 27th.

Glenfara, Oct. 18th.

Pembrokehire, Nov. 20th.

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Vogland, Dec. 20th.

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Gemma, Nov. 15th.

Olderbark, Oct. 17th.

Java-China-Japan Lijn.

Tijubas, Oct. 10th.

Tjikembang, Oct. 13th.

Tjikampek, Oct. 24th.

Tjikalak, Oct. 10th.

Tjikapora, Oct. 4th.

Tjikondari, to-morrow.

Messageries Maritimes.

General Meisinger, Oct. 11th.

Porton, Nov. 9th.

Si-Kiang, Oct. 21st.

Sphinx, Oct. 25th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Awa Maru, Oct. 8th.

Nagano Maru, to-day.

Sura Maru, Oct. 2nd.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.

Aachen, Oct. 18th.

Derfflinger, Dec. 10th.

Dessau, Nov. 10th.

Fulda, Oct. 24th.

Trier, Nov. 21st.

Peninsular and Oriental.

Devanha, Dec. 23rd.

Jeyapore, Oct. 24th.

Kalyan, Dec. 12th.

Kashgar, Nov. 25th.

Kalyan, Nov. 18th.

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"NAGPORE"	5,253	20th Oct.	Straits, Colombo and London.
"KASHMIR"	7,985	29th Oct.	Marseilles, L'An., Antwerp & Hull.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	12th Nov.	Marseilles and London.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	28th Nov.	do.
"MANTUA"	10,946	18th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	24th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"MOREA"	10,983	7th Jan., 1928	Marseilles and London.
"DEVANHA"	9,135	21st Jan.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MALWA"	10,986	4th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
"KEYBER"	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	7,985	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	7,985	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MANTUA"	10,946	24th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	7th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	14th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MOREA"	10,983	21st April	do.
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